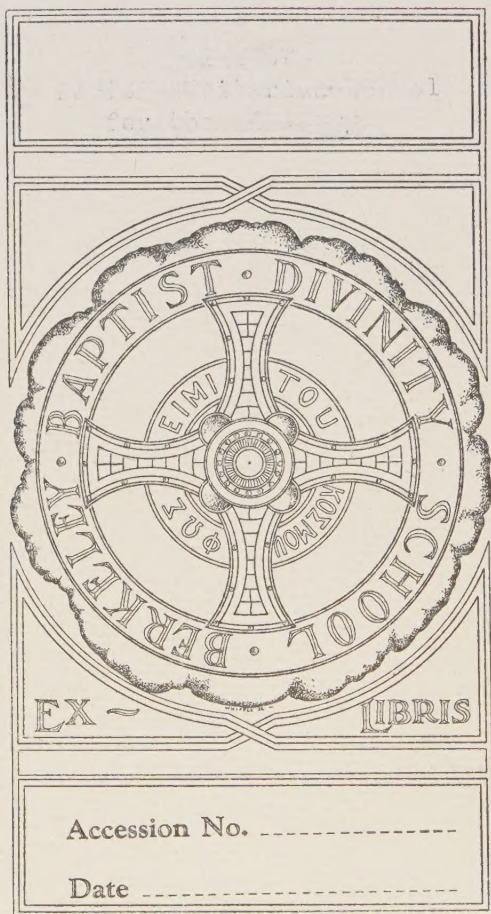


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Provisional Constitution and By-Laws

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*["Societies" refers to The American Baptist Missionary Union, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, and The American Baptist Publication Society.—COR. SEC'Y.]

Historical Preface.

(The Executive Committee thinks it wise that the minutes of the meetings at which the Northern Baptist Convention was provisionally organized, should be preceded by a statement concerning the steps which led to those meetings. This is done to aid in a proper understanding of the movement.)

(1) In May, 1896, at Asbury Park, N. J., "A Commission on Systematic Beneficence" was created, by the adoption of a series of resolutions presented by the finance committee of the American Baptist Missionary Union. These resolutions were also adopted by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society. Rev. F. M. Ellis, D.D., of Baltimore, Maryland, then declared, "We have unified the denomination at the contribution box, and that is next to the throne of grace."

(2) In May, 1897, the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society adopted resolutions, urging Northern Baptists to combine all their missionary periodicals into one, and pointed out the waste occasioned by the current method of publishing numerous journals. At the Anniversaries the same year, the report of the Commission on Systematic Beneficence called attention to the significant and the suggestive example of the joint efforts which had been made during the previous year by the three general societies to cancel their debts.

(3) In November, 1898, at the meeting of the Baptist Congress in Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. George E. Horr, D.D., then editor of *The Watchman*, declared, "There is a great opportunity for the denomination to harmonize its missionary work. * * * * There is just as much necessity that the work of the Missionary Union, the Home Mission Society and the Publication Society should be harmonized,—note that I do not use the word *unified*,—should be *harmonized*, as there ever was that our controversies in regard to the Bible question should be adjusted, as they were at Saratoga a number of years ago." This significant deliverance

was the subject of much comment. The denominational press, particularly *The Standard*, started discussion which increased the sentiment in favor of a closer relation between the organizations that were conducting our denominational work.

(4) So far the discussion had related principally to the harmonious co-operation of distinct organizations. It was inevitable that such discussions should produce a feeling in the hearts, and a conviction in the minds of many intelligent Baptists that our brotherhood should be more pronounced and an exhibition of it in Christian work more manifest.

(5) In May, 1900, at the Anniversaries in Detroit, Mich., "A Commission on Co-Ordination", composed of representatives of the general societies, including the women's organizations, with Mr. Stephen Greene, of Massachusetts, as chairman, was appointed to consider the better co-ordination of our denominational work. The duties of this commission were: "To consider the relative amounts which the denomination should be asked to furnish for our different benevolent enterprises, and also to consider the practicability of more closely co-ordinating the different departments of our denominational work, and to make such other recommendations as in their judgment they may deem wise."

(6) In May, 1901, in Springfield, Mass., there was held the first of several general meetings of the denomination. This was a mass meeting on "Co-Ordination." The report of Mr. Stephen Greene, of Newton Center, Mass., chairman of the committee, made six notable suggestions. Among them was one that

"The best interests of our work as a denomination require that the annual gatherings of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union and the American Baptist Publication Society should be representative and delegated bodies, having the same basis of representation, so that the delegates to the three societies shall be, so far as possible, identical.

"As a step necessary toward this end we recommend that the several societies, at the earliest possible date, and after mutual consultation through their executive boards,

change their constitution so as to require the same qualifications of voters at their anniversaries.

"It is believed that such action is fundamental, and if taken would create an atmosphere in which a 'better co-ordination' would be possible. If the executive officers and boards of our several societies could be brought to realize, as such action would help them to see, that their constituencies were actually one, a distinct advantage would be gained, and if the representatives of our churches could go up to the Anniversaries with the clear conviction that an actual responsibility concerning the entire work of the denomination rested upon them, it is certain that a better co-ordination of the different departments of our work would be the result."

It was at this *general denominational meeting* that many remarks were made upon the need for reforming the method of conducting our Anniversaries, and for improving the existing scheme of representation. Objections to the proposed uniform basis of representation were raised to the effect that it was a step towards consolidation. There were also vague references to an impression that there was competition and rivalry between the societies.

The Women's Home Missionary Society, during these Anniversaries, adopted resolutions favoring co-ordination, and advising that a period of five years be devoted to adjusting existing interests without the injury of any.

At these Anniversaries also, another recommendation of the committee of which Mr. Greene was chairman, was adopted, providing for an annual joint meeting of executive boards or committees of the societies, but a recommendation to publish a joint missionary periodical was rejected.

Another recommendation was adopted to appoint a committee of nine, to consider the matter of district secretaryships of the societies, and the relations of collection agencies.

This was a most notable meeting. It had a marked influence upon the growing desire for co-ordination and orderly procedure. It is claimed that from this meeting, and from the report presented by Mr. Greene, dates the denominational movement, resulting in the formation of the Northern Baptist Convention.

(7) In December, 1901, in New York City, there was held an important conference of the executive boards and committees of the societies, in accordance with a recommendation adopted at Springfield. At this conference, among the questions discussed was, "What Changes, if Any, are Desirable and Feasible in our Denominational Work?" A committee was also appointed to take into consideration the matter of the relations of the collection agencies of the societies. It was voted to submit the methods involved in the operation of the several societies to a general meeting of the societies to be held in St. Paul.

(8) In May, 1902, at the Anniversaries in St. Paul, Minn., resolutions offered by Dr. Lemuel Moss, at a meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, were almost unanimously adopted, providing for a committee of fifteen persons who were to ascertain whether there was any lack of proper adjustment and co-operation between the three societies, including organizations associated with them, as to fields of labor, collecting and other agencies, and methods of work, and whether there could be an improvement in the mutual relations of these agencies. These resolutions were also adopted by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society.

The committee appointed at the mid-year conference in New York City, in December, 1901, reported that, "in view of existing conditions, neither economy nor efficiency would be furthered by the adoption of the method of employing one man to represent the three societies." At a general conference of the three societies, during their Anniversaries in St. Paul, the report of this committee was brought up for consideration, and a motion to appoint one district secretary to represent the three societies in a given territory was defeated by a vote of 127 for it, to 135 against. The whole matter was then referred to the committee of fifteen provided for in the resolution offered by Dr. Moss.

At the same general conference of the three societies, the publication of one missionary magazine was also considered, and after opposition to such a consolidation of missionary magazines, it was voted to appoint a committee to investigate and report upon the matter.

(9) In May, 1903, at the Anniversaries at Buffalo, N. Y., the Committee of Fifteen appointed the previous year at St. Paul, reported that consolidation of the three societies was neither practical nor desirable, and left matters practically where they were. However, their report resulted in the appointment of a Committee of Conference, consisting of nine persons, "to which all matters of controversy between the missionary societies should be referred, and which should have authority to settle such controversies in the name of the denomination." This committee has had no matters brought before it, and indeed has had no existence since the year expired for which it was appointed. No attention has been paid to it, and no appointments have been made to membership upon it since the Anniversaries that created it.

(10) In May, 1904, at the Anniversaries in Cleveland, O., there was another general denomination meeting at which, however, no opportunity was given to discuss general denominational matters. At this meeting, a committee was appointed to represent the Baptists of the North, in co-operation with other committees, in a proposed Baptist World Congress to be held in London. This Congress met in 1905 and was not only suggestive, but decidedly helpful to the movement for denominational solidarity. The same effect was produced by the formation of the General Convention of the Baptists of North America, in Saint Louis in May, 1905.

(11) In September, 1906, the Chicago Baptist Association, after listening to a notable paper entitled, "An Awakening Consciousness of Denominational Unity, What Does it Demand?" adopted the following resolution:

For years there has been a growing belief among our churches that there should be more coherence in our missionary work, and especially that our Baptist Anniversaries should be made more helpful to denominational unity. The splendid work now carried on by our several missionary societies ought to be more widely extended; and there should be some platform from which may be voiced the sentiments of the denomination upon movements and policies which concern the denomination as a whole, and are not germane to the work of any one of our present societies exclusively.

In view of the widespread dissatisfaction with present arrangements for conducting our Baptist Anniversaries, dissatisfaction which in no degree concerns the honored leaders of our denominational societies, but which concerns arrangements and policies and precedents growing out of the nature of the organizations and their history, therefore,

Resolved, That the Chicago Baptist Association, consisting of over 20,000 Baptists, puts upon record its earnest desire for greater effectiveness in the conduct of our great annual meetings, known popularly as the Baptist Anniversaries.

In order that reasonable steps may be taken looking to improvements, this association urges the executives of our national societies to call a joint meeting of all societies in connection with the Anniversaries of May, 1907. That for this meeting a suitable program be provided by the executive boards of the societies; that provision be made for the permanent organization of a general association or convention representing all the northern Baptist churches; that one of the special functions of this association or convention shall be the appointment of a representative committee on arrangement to act in connection with the boards of the societies in unifying and improving the exercises of all the meetings of all the societies whose anniversaries are held each May; that this general association or convention be so organized and its objects be so stated that it shall voice to a large degree the trend of denominational sentiment and policy in such matters as touch the welfare of all the churches, leaving to the societies the management of the great missionary and publication work which they are now conducting.

Resolved, That if no steps are taken by the boards of the societies before April 1, 1907, to call such a general or joint meeting as proposed, that the moderator of this association be empowered to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with other committees and representatives of churches in this and other states to consider the advisability of calling a general convention or association for the purposes specified.

(12) In November, 1906, at a meeting of the Baptist Congress in Saint Louis, Mo., a conference was held in which brethren from different parts of the country participated. It was decided to call the attention of the general societies to the widespread demand for an organized expression of denominational unity. The following petition, numerously signed by

prominent ministers and laymen from all parts of the country, was addressed to the secretaries of the societies:

To the Corresponding Secretaries of
 The American Baptist Missionary Union; and
 The American Baptist Home Mission Society; and
 The American Baptist Publication Society,

Dear Brethren:

In view of the growing desire, most recently shown by state conventions, district associations, and persons, for an organization through which Northern Baptists may consider the manifold interests of the kingdom of God, and express a denominational opinion thereon, we respectfully request you to set apart, during the Anniversaries of the societies in 1907, at least one morning and afternoon, as near the middle of the week as possible, for a meeting to consider the expediency of such an organization.

We suggest that in your call for this meeting, if you consent to issue it, each church be requested to appoint its pastor and two delegates, who shall represent it at this meeting, with power to effect the organization if found desirable.

This request is addressed to you in order to avoid even an apparent expression of any unfriendly attitude towards our heartily appreciated denominational societies or their executive officers.

(13) December 11th, 1906, in compliance with the request of those brethren, the following call was issued for the meeting at which the Convention was provisionally organized:

Whereas, in various quarters a desire has been expressed for a meeting in connection with the Anniversaries at Washington, D. C., in 1907, to consider the question of a general organization of Baptists as represented in the constituencies of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society; the undersigned acting upon the request of those interested in the subject, and with the approval of their respective boards, and representing their joint committee on the Anniversaries, do hereby formally call a meeting of those who shall be entitled to membership in these societies, and of others who shall be formally appointed by their churches to participate in the deliberations, on Thursday evening, May 16, and Friday forenoon, May

17, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of effecting a general organization, if it shall be deemed desirable to do so; and suggest that Thursday evening, Rev. W. C. Bitting, D.D., of St. Louis, Mo., address the body for fifteen minutes upon a motion to form such an organization, to be followed by Rev. A. J. Rowland, D.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., in an address of ten minutes in seconding the motion; these to be followed by general discussion in which speakers shall be limited to five minutes each; and that Friday forenoon be devoted to the consideration of the report of the committee on organization with an address of twenty minutes by Prof. Shailer Mathews on the functions of such an organization, followed by general discussion, speakers being limited to five minutes each.

H. L. MOREHOUSE,
T. S. BARBOUR,
A. J. ROWLAND,
Committee.

Minutes of the Meetings

AT WHICH THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION WAS
PROVISIONALLY ORGANIZED.

Washington, D. C., May 16, 1907.

1. Pursuant to a call issued by Secretaries H. L. Morehouse, of The American Baptist Home Mission Society; T. S. Barbour, of The American Baptist Missionary Union, and A. J. Rowland, of The American Baptist Publication Society, acting upon a generally expressed request for a meeting in connection with the Anniversaries of those societies to consider the question of the formation of a General Organization of Baptists in the constituencies of the societies named, a meeting was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. It was called to order by H. L. Morehouse, who also presented an order of service that was adopted.

2. F. H. Rowley, of Mass., was chosen chairman. Prayer was offered by George E. Rees of Penna. The congregation sang the hymn "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me." J. G. Walker, of Penna., was chosen secretary.

3. Addresses on "The Need and Value of a General Organization" were delivered by W. C. Bitting, of Mo., and A. J. Rowland, of Penna.

4. The address of W. C. Bitting embodied the following resolutions, which were adopted seriatim, after remarks by W. S. Shallenberger, of Washington, D. C.; H. B. Williams, of Mass.; C. W. Chamberlin, of Mass.; H. L. Morehouse, of N. Y.; Galusha Anderson, of Mass., and S. J. Langford, of N. Y.

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Resolved, That we do now proceed to organize ourselves into such a body.

5. L. A. Crandall, of Minn., submitted the following, which was adopted after extended conference participated in by Mor-nay Williams, of N. Y.; H. L. Morehouse, of N. Y.; G. E. Rees, of Penna.; S. J. Langford, of N. Y.; D. DeWolf, of N. J.; R. H. Tracy, of Ohio.; D. G. Garabrant, of N. J.; J. W. Brougher, of Ore., and W. P. Hellings, of N. Y.

Resolved, That a committee of fifteen brethren be appointed to draft a plan of organization; to which committee the matters now under discussion shall be referred for further consideration; said committee to report at the session to-morrow morning.

6. The following brethren were named by the chairman to serve on the committee:

W. S. Shallenberger, D. C.,	Walter Calley, Pa.,
L. A. Crandall, Minn.,	B. A. Greene, Ill.,
L. C. Barnes, Mass.,	J. M. English, Mass.,
W. C. Bitting, Mo.,	C. C. Barry, Mass.,
Shailer Mathews, Ill.,	J. S. Dickerson, Ill.,
H. L. Morehouse, N. Y.,	J. W. Brougher, Ore.,
A. J. Rowland, Pa.,	C. H. Moss, Mass.
F. P. Haggard, Mass.,	

7. Adjourned after prayer by L. C. Barnes, of Mass.

May 17th, Morning Session.

8. The meeting re-assembled at 9:45 o'clock. After singing the hymn "My faith looks up to Thee," prayer was offered by Galusha Anderson, of Mass.

9. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

10. On behalf of the committee of fifteen L. A. Crandall, of Minn., submitted a report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your committee, to whom was referred for consideration the form of the proposed Union or Convention of Northern Baptists and the preparation of a constitution and by-laws for the same, begs leave to report as follows:

I. We recommend that the organization, to the creation of which we shall proceed at this time, be a provisional one on the basis of the constitution and by-laws to be presented in this report. Said constitution and by-laws to be subject to final ratification next May by a convention assembled in accordance with the terms of said constitution and by-laws.

II. We recommend the adoption of the following provisional constitution and by-laws:

(For the provisional constitution and by-laws see pages 4-6.)

11. Pending the consideration of this report an address was delivered by Shailer Mathews, of Ill., on "The Functions of the Proposed Organization".

12. After amendment and conference, the recommendations of the committee, and its plan of organization, were adopted.

13. On behalf of the committee of fifteen H. L. Morehouse submitted a further report recommending a list of officers to serve during the year. The recommendation was adopted and the officers named were declared elected.

(See list of officers page 3.)

14. It was voted that the minutes of these meetings be printed and distributed under the direction of a special committee composed of the officers of the Convention.

15. It was voted that the corresponding secretary be instructed to send greetings to the Southern Baptist Convention now in session at Richmond, Va.

16. A collection, amounting to \$42.57 was taken at a session of The American Baptist Publication Society for the expenses of the Convention.

17. A communication concerning temperance was referred to the Executive Committee.

18. Adjourned after prayer by H. L. Morehouse, of N. Y.

J. G. WALKER, Secretary.

Addendum.

During the discussion on Friday morning, May 17th, 1907, Rev. W. A. Stanton, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the By-Laws proposed by the Committee on Organization, by inserting the following as By-Law No. 3, those By-Laws following the reported No. 2 to be numbered accordingly :

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The “several societies” meant by Dr. Stanton’s amendment are The American Baptist Missionary Union, The American Baptist Home Mission Society, and The American Baptist Publication Society.

The minutes of the recording secretary printed above make no mention of this motion. Nor is there in them a record of either a vote approving the minutes of the session of Friday morning, or of a vote referring the minutes of that session to the Executive Committee for correction. That Committee, therefore, does not think it has the power to add to or correct the minutes, and accordingly prints them as they were received from the recording secretary of the sessions of the Convention held in Washington, D. C.

Nevertheless, in view of the confident opinion of the mover of the amendment, and other brethren present, that a vote was taken referring the amendment to the Executive Committee, and requesting it to confer with the Executive Committees of the societies alluded to, the Executive Committee deems it proper to make this Addendum to the minutes of the Convention; and also to state:

That in conference with representatives of the societies named in the proposed amendment, it has given most careful

consideration to the relations which may be maintained between these societies and the Convention;

That these societies are both constitutionally and legally autonomous, and have large vested interests, and therefore can do only such things as are warranted by the laws governing them;

That there is good reason to believe that these societies are cordially disposed to relate themselves to the Convention in such ways as shall be deemed best after a thorough study of all questions involved; and that they will voluntarily put the Convention in 1908 in possession of their reports, for such consideration and action as may properly be taken;

That the Convention should meet and make its provisional organization permanent at the very beginning of the week of Anniversaries in 1908; and

That, to accomplish the purpose of the amendment above referred to, so far as it can be done under present conditions, immediately after the permanent organization of the Convention in 1908, the Executive Committee will propose to amend the By-Laws by the addition of the following By-Law:

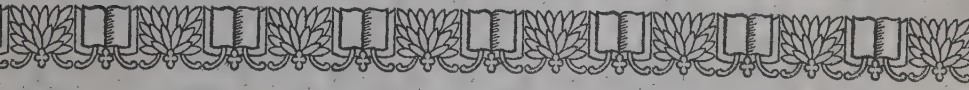
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FOREWORDS

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It is a matter of regret that the full minutes of the denominational societies are not inserted in these proceedings. Next year no doubt this will be done.

Abstracts of the reports of the denominational societies will be found in the Minutes.

Names of States from which participants in the proceedings of the Convention came, titles, and adjectives have been omitted from the Minutes.

The unusual character of this meeting of the Convention justifies the printing of the complete list of enrolled delegates.

The Committees and Commissions have been grouped together in the matter preceding the Minutes.

The word "Commission" has been used to describe committees appointed to do special work and to report a year hence.

Effort has been made to avoid errors and omissions in Minutes. If such are found they are due to causes beyond the control of the Corresponding Secretary upon whom the work of preparing this pamphlet for the public has fallen. He would be thankful for criticisms.

Figures refer to the numbered items in the Minutes unless otherwise stated.

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III. Reports of such general denominational organizations as may be offered to the Convention, together with all other subjects of importance pertaining thereto, shall be referred, except when otherwise ordered by the Convention, to a general committee to be composed of one delegate from each state to be nominated by the delegates of the respective states, which general committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to expedite its work, and all of which committees shall report back at times to be arranged for by the committee on order of business, and previously announced when practicable.

IV. A collection for the expenses of the Convention shall be taken each year at a time to be determined by the executive committee.

V. No other appeals for money shall be made nor collections taken, which have not been approved by the executive committee.

VI. Co-operative Societies. (1.) Any of the denominationally recognized missionary, educational and philanthropic organizations, may become co-operating societies of the Northern Baptist Convention on action of said societies and approval by the Convention.

(2.) A co-operating society shall agree:

(a) To regulate its expenditures in accordance with a budget annually approved by the Northern Baptist Convention, on recommendation by the Finance Committee, as provided in By-Law VII;

(b.) To solicit funds only on approval by the Convention; or, during the interim between the annual meetings of the Convention on approval by the Finance Committee, as provided in By-Law VII;

(c) To incur no indebtedness without the approval of the Convention, or of said committee, as provided in By-Law VII;

(d) To open their books and accounts to inspection by the said Finance Committee, and to make such financial reports as said committee shall request.

(3.) The Convention through its Executive and its Finance Committee will aid in raising funds needed to carry on the operations of each co-operating society.

(4.) The relation of co-operation in any given case may be terminated either by the Convention or by a co-operating society, provided notice be given the other party one year in advance.

VII. The Finance Committee. (1.) (a) There shall be a Finance Committee of nine members, appointed by the President of the Convention on nomination by the Executive Committee.

(b) The Executive Committee shall nominate to the President a list of not less than three times the number to be appointed. Of the nine members first appointed three shall serve for three years, three for two years, and three for one year. Thereafter three shall be appointed annually to serve for a term of three years. A majority of members appointed shall be laymen.

(2.) In case of emergency during the interim between annual meetings of the Convention, the Finance Committee may approve the incurring of indebtedness on the part of co-operating societies, in advance, by an affirmative vote of a majority of all of its members. In case of such approval being given by the Finance Committee, said committee shall report the same with the reasons therefor at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

(3.) It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to prepare and present to the Convention annually a co-ordinated budget, based on the budgets recommended by the various co-operating societies.

VIII. The Executive Committee shall make arrangements for the annual meetings, after conference with the Executive Committees or boards of the co-operating societies, make an annual report to the Convention, and care for its interests between the annual meetings.

IX. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Convention by a majority vote, after notice of the proposed amendment has been presented in writing and signed by at least ten delegates.

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Green, Richard, Los Angeles
Hermiston, E. R., Los Angeles
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Fish, Milton, Pueblo
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Franklin, J. H., Colorado Springs
Kirk, C. L., Denver
Livingston, D. B., Lamar
Martin, O. L., Sagnache
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Philip, R., Sa Junta
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1. On Credentials.

(See items 3, 192.)

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2. On Reports from Denominational Societies.

(See By-Law III. and items 13-16. This Committee organized itself.)

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(See item 18.)

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(See item 19.)

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(See item 23.)

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6. On Resolutions.

(See item 24.)

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7. On Arrangements for Next Meeting.

(See item 25.)

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8. On Religious Services.

(See item 28.)

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(See items 83, 98.)

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(See item 119, and By-Law VII.)

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(See items 76, 128.)

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4. On Social Service.

(See items 86, 128.)

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5. On Denominational Journals.

(See item 127.)

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(See item 88.)

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(See items 156, 157.)

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(See item 151, Resolution 3.)

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(See items 130 (2), 134.)

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(See items 158, Resolution 5.)

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(See items 19, 114.)

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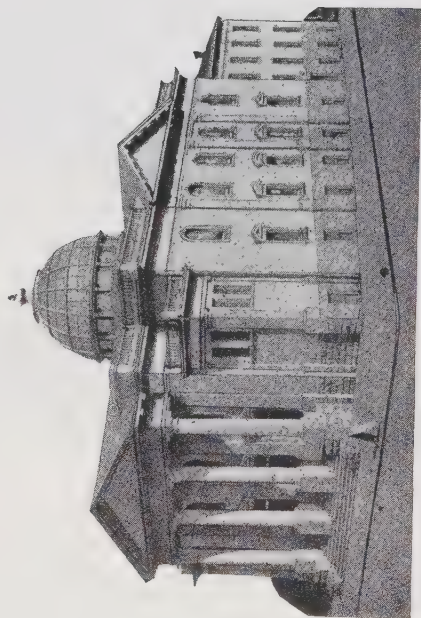
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THE CONVENTION MINUTES

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Thursday, May 21, 1908

First Session.

(1.) The Northern Baptist Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M., by Vice-President Harry Pratt Judson. H. L. Morehouse led in prayer. The hymn beginning, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung.

(2.) The following telegram was received from the President:

Albany, New York, May 18, 1908.

President Harry Pratt Judson, University of Chicago:

I greatly regret that imperative duties here make it impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma. The pressure of executive work makes it absolutely necessary that I should remain at Albany. Please convey to the Convention my cordial greetings. I sincerely trust that its proceedings will be of lasting benefit, and that through its efforts the efficiency of the work of the denomination will be notably increased.

Charles E. Hughes.

It was voted that the following reply be sent:

Governor Charles E. Hughes,

Albany, New York.

The Northern Baptist Convention assembled at Oklahoma City, sends cordial greetings to its President. It is matter of sincere regret to all that official duties prevent your presence here.

(3.) J. H. Franklin and Fred Brasted, a Committee on Credentials previously appointed, presented a partial report showing seven hundred and sixty-one properly accredited delegates, from thirty-states and territories, enrolled at the opening of the Convention.

(4.) An address of welcome was made on behalf of the Local Committee by W. B. Hinson, pastor of the White Temple.

(5.) Vice-President Judson responded as follows:

Serious minded and thoughtful men realize that in these opening years of the twentieth century the relation of the Christian religion to European and American civilization is a matter of grave concern. The churches are numerous, their membership is large, their activities are many, their funds are considerable. Still, the movements of modern life have recast society. Mighty forces have operated to democratize governments; medievalism is gone, autocracy has all but vanished, monarchies are republican in essence, the masses are becoming intelligent and have grasped political power. Education is no longer the privilege of the few, but is the right of all, and is illuminating the dark places of the world with progressive potency.

Manufactures, commerce, science, are tremendous engines of human betterment. The isolation of nations has disappeared. Steam, electricity, the printing press, have bound together the world in bands of steel and of common knowledge. The brotherhood of man is no longer the poet's dream, but is the statesman's problem. The vast complexity of life, the progress on all sides in material betterment, the unrest and the eager grasping for the good things of this world which the millions see and are determined to have, the pressure of competition and the feverish rush of business—all these things have secularized and materialized the age. There is a wide-spread indifference to religion as a motive force.

The poetry and philosophy which are the life of all the creeds have lost their power. In an age of railroads and of the strife of labor and capital, the mighty rewards of this life have dimmed the vision of existence beyond the grave, and the ethics of the church seem hopelessly at variance with the canons of business and pleasure. Men pride themselves on being hard headed and practical.

Religion they cannot find substantial in its intellectual basis or effective in its application to social conditions. They feel that it leads nowhere, that it has no tangible problems. Two results are apparent. One is that new forms of doctrines and organization which seem to have an immediate contact with actual things are springing up on all sides.

Is the Christian religion no longer needed by our civilized society? Of course I refer solely to the objective benefit of religion to social betterment, one at least of its primary functions. In short, is society becoming heathen? And is a heathen society on the whole, so far as this life is concerned, as sound, as wholesome, as safe, as a society informed and guided by Christianity?

It is clear that never has the world been so filled with the means of power and of gratification as to-day. The increase of wealth in all lands transcends anything ever known heretofore. The new force of mastery over the forces of nature has diffused comfort and luxury everywhere. Energy and ability will win them for almost anyone. The temptations to dishonesty were never so many and so overwhelming. The temptations to sensual excitement were never so keen. The enormous complexity of modern life bewilders conscience and dulls moral perception. Disaster to the whole social scheme is sure to come, and to come soon, if the only rule of life is self-interest, if the only end is pleasure of the senses. Already the signs of moral decay are plain on all sides. Business and politics alike are exploited by ruthless self-seekers, and every large city is familiar with the vagaries of dissolute pleasure hunters. Wealth means great responsibility for its use. The irresponsible rich—those who see in it merely a ready means of luxury and wantonness—are a source of moral pestilence to the community. In turn the same lack of principle runs through the whole social mass. In all forms of business we find the maxim of success at any cost too often the ruling one. The poor combine to better their lot—and their weapon very frequently is violence and brutality. The feverish craving for excitement takes two obvious forms—gambling and drunkenness—and these are manifold in their vanities and in their effects. Neither is new, to be sure, but both are developed and are developing on all sides with extravagant luxuriance, and both bring in their train a host of other social ills.

Cleanness in personal life, justice and kindness in dealing with one's fellows—these are yet powerful elements in all our communities. But there never has been a time when the ethical motive so

greatly needed the force of the religious sanction as to-day. Every force tending to righteousness must unite to countervail the mighty forces tending to social unrighteousness. And, after all, there is no motive so powerful with the average man as the motive of religion.

It is the duty of the church, then, to supply this motive. But the church, great as it is, comes far short of doing what it might do to make society sweet and sound and safe. The world is getting away from Christianity. Christians reach out for heathen lands, and their own people are becoming heathen faster than the heathen are becoming Christian. Why is it?

Few things are more marked in our time than the revolutionary change in social organization in adaptation to modern conditions. It is not only that machinery on a large scale has taken the place of slow and clumsy handiwork. Government and business too are new and effective machines. Manufactures and commerce have devised modern plans consonant with the vast scale of modern affairs. Business methods which were effective a century ago are long since obsolete. We complain of the abuses of the corporation—but we might as well inveigh against the reaping machine and the steam engine. We have learned new machines, social as well as material, for the conduct of our matters of great moment. The church only lags behind. In its organization and methods it belongs to a past generation. If the work of the church is to be as efficient as the processes of manufacture and trade the church must modernize its system. The same energy and order which are imperative for success in other fields of life are quite as essential, if the church is once more to be the vital factor in the age. Religion is entitled to the same brains and the same zeal which we devote to our secular gain.

Our Baptist cause has peculiar need for this modernization of method, and peculiar advantages for effective use of its transformed powers. Two things are of the very soul of Baptist polity. Soul liberty we love to call one cardinal principle—no creed, no hierarchy, must stand between the individual human soul and the eternal verities. The independent church is as vital—no association, no convention, no prelates, can dictate creed or practice to a sovereign Baptist church. These are the doctrines of our forefathers which have come down to us as a precious heritage of the ages. We can at need abandon all else—when we abandon these fundamentals we abandon all. But this is particularism—this is democracy pure and simple. Can ecclesiastical democracy so co-ordinate its energies as to accomplish its common purposes effectively without surrendering its cherished liberties? It is in the endeavor to answer that question that we are gathered here to-day.

But notice—it is the same question which every modern state is answering. Democracy is the spirit of the age. Autocracy, oligarchy, feudalism, have vanished and are vanishing from the face of the earth. Men are learning to substitute co-operation for subordination—and they in that way have learned to avoid waste and enormously to multiply results. The Northern Baptist Convention will never control the Baptist churches. If it attains its end it will be the agency by which the Baptist churches can unify and energize all their common activities at a great saving of force which now goes to waste. We have the men, we have the money, we have the earnest purpose. Let us learn modern efficient organization, whereby we may combine these without loss in doing our part to quicken all the world with the ethical and spiritual motive which Jesus of Nazareth brought to human kind.

- (6.) On motion of A. G. Lawson it was

Resolved: That the provisional organization of the Northern Baptist Convention be made permanent under the Constitution and By-Laws adopted at Washington, D. C., May 17, 1907.

- (7.) On motion of C. A. Wooddy it was

Resolved: That the officers of the temporary organization elected at Washington, D. C., May 17th, 1907, be the officers of the Northern Baptist Convention during the present sessions; and,

That the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for these officers in accordance with this vote.

Those officers were declared elected.

- (8.) It was voted to approve the minutes of the meeting in Washington, May 17, 1907, together with the addendum of the Executive Committee, as printed in the minutes of the Northern Baptist Convention.

- (9.) The report of the Corresponding Secretary and of the Executive Committee was then presented.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.—Meetings.

During the year the Executive Committee has held three meetings, the first in Washington, D. C., immediately after its appointment; the second in Chicago, Ill., October 29th, 1907; and a third in Oklahoma City immediately preceding this Convention. At the Chicago meeting there were present by invitation of the Executive Committee, F. P. Haggard, representing the American Baptist Missionary Union; E. E. Chivers, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and A. J. Rowland, representing the American Baptist Publication Society. An informal conference was held concerning the relation of these societies to the Convention, more especially with reference to this meeting of the Convention. It is pleasant to record the unanimity of spirit and conclusions which prevailed at this conference.

Section 2.—Publicity.

At the Washington meeting, a publicity committee was appointed, charged with the duty of giving information about the Convention to our denominational press, and to all Baptist organizations entitled to representation at this meeting. A circular containing the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention, information as to the time and place of this meeting, and a form of credential, with addressed envelope for reply, was sent to every district association of every State in our territory, to the secretary of every State Convention, and also to the secretaries of all denominationally recognized missionary, educational and philanthropic organizations. Every State Convention in our territory has approved of the organization of the Convention and appointed delegates. The Convention meets to-day with the unanimous endorsement of all the state organizations of our constituency, and also with the sanction of all the district associations so far as they have been heard from.

Section 3.—Amendment to the By-Laws.

According to the printed notice in the pamphlets containing the minutes of the meeting for the organization of the Northern Baptist

Convention held at Washington, D. C., last May, the Executive Committee proposes an amendment to the By-Laws by inserting after By-Law II. the following new By-Law III., and moving forward correspondingly the numbers of the remaining By-Laws.

"Reports of such general denominational organizations as may be offered to the Convention shall be referred to committees to be appointed by the President, which committees shall report to the Convention with such suggestions and recommendations as they deem advisable, at times to be arranged for by the committee on Order of Business, and previously announced when practicable."

The purpose of this By-Law is to provide in a parliamentary way for the reception and consideration of the reports of general denominational societies.

Section 4.—Arrangements for this Meeting.

(1.) In accordance with By-Law V. your committee appointed a sub-committee to confer with like committees from our general denominational societies concerning arrangements for this meeting of the Convention. This conference was held in New York, February 15th, 1908, and as the result of its deliberations, we submit to you the printed program as the "Report of the Committee of Arrangements for the Meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, to be held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 21-27, 1908."

(2.) At this meeting the following resolutions were adopted:

First: That it is the sense of this conference that the reports of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, and any other general denominational organizations should be submitted to the Northern Baptist Convention, to be held in Oklahoma City, May, 1908, for its consideration, but that such submission should not be deemed in any manner to determine or prejudice the future relation of such several organizations to the Northern Baptist Convention, the question of such relation being left to be hereafter determined.

Second: That it is also the sense of this conference that any action taken by the Northern Baptist Convention upon the reports of the several societies should be, and should be deemed to be, advisory only.

(3.) At this joint conference it was also voted that we recommend to the Executive Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention that the presiding officers of the various societies be asked to preside at the sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention, when matters pertaining to their societies are being considered.

(4.) We also recommend that for this meeting of the Convention the recording secretaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the American Baptist Publication Society serve as assistant recording secretaries of the Convention.

Section 5.—The Relation of the Convention to General Denominational Societies.

At the meeting referred to in the previous section, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That we recommend that a Commission of twenty-one be appointed to consider the relation of the Northern Baptist Convention to other Baptist organizations and report at the next annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, said Com-

mission to consist of three members appointed by each of the Boards or Executive Committees of the three general societies, one from each of the four woman's societies, one from the Baptist Young People's Union of America, and seven to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention, and that the secretary be instructed to report to the Executive Committee or Boards of the various organizations the above recommendations."

In view of the necessity that this Convention shall have a committee of its own, competent to report to it, upon matters entrusted to it, your Executive Committee recommends the following in lieu of the recommendation of the joint Committee reported above:

"That the Convention appoint a Committee of Seven with authority to confer with such committees as may be appointed by the various societies named above, or by their Executive Boards or Committees, and with instructions to report back to this Convention at this meeting."

Section 6.—The Northern Baptist Convention Annual.

Your committee asks instructions from the Convention concerning the issuance of a Northern Baptist Convention Annual. It is the judgment of your committee that the Northern Baptist Convention should issue each year a book containing the reports of all our general denominational societies, and of such denominational movements as are annually represented at our meetings; also a full report of the proceedings of the Convention each year; also the matter which is now in the Baptist Year Book, together with a complete directory of all our general denominational organizations. Such a volume would bind together between one pair of covers the entire story of our denominational work for the previous year. It would also collect into a single volume the information now scattered and fragmentary in many separate reports. It would also be a volume of immense usefulness to our pastors and intelligent church members since it would contain all information necessary for missionary meetings. It would be a volume worthy of the dignity of our denomination and its work, a kind of Baptist encyclopedia of practical operations during the Convention year. Has not the time arrived when our great constituency should provide for just such an Annual recording all that it is doing through all the agencies sustained by our constituency? Is it possible that among the 1,250,000 white Baptists represented in this Convention an edition of 5,000 copies of such a volume could not be sold? Is it conceivable that there is not even such a small proportion of our mighty host interested enough in our work to purchase such a worthy annual record of it? It may not be possible to arrange for such a publication this year, but may we not consider the publication of such a volume for the year 1909?

(10.) The report of the Treasurer was then presented:

**Report of Wm. E. Lincoln, Treasurer, Northern Baptist Convention,
May 21st, 1908.**

RECEIPTS

Per Rev. A. J. Rowland, D.D.:

1907.

June 29th. Cash collection at meeting in Washington, D. C...\$ 42.82

Per Rev. W. C. Bitting, D.D.:

1908.

Feb. 13. Hon Edward S. Clinch, New York, N. Y...\$ 5.00

" William Hills, New York, N. Y..... 10.00

Feb.	13.	James C. Colgate, New York, N. Y.....	5.00	
"		S. A. Bemis, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00	
"		Joseph D. Bascom, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00	
"		Thomas H. West, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00	
"		John T. Davis, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00	
"		F. H. Ludington, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00	
"		C. C. Morris, St. Louis, Mo.....	5.00	
"		W. C. Morris, St. Louis, Mo.....	3.00	
"		A. L. Abbott, St. Louis, Mo.....	2.00	
Feb.	25.	Wm. M. Isaacs, New York City	5.00	
Feb.	27.	First Church, Indianapolis, Ind.....	10.00	
Mar.	6.	First Church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	11.42	
Mar.	7.	Emmanuel Church, Albany, N. Y.....	7.25	
Mar.	12.	Fountain St. Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	5.00	
April	6.	Third Church, St. Louis, Mo.....	10.00	
April	9.	First Church, Hartford, Conn.....	5.00	
April	30.	I. E. Gates, New York City	2.50	\$111.17

Per Rev. B. A. Greene, D.D.:

1907.				
June	14.	Contributions handed Rev. B. A. Greene..	\$15.00	
June	24.	Andrew McLeish, Chicago, Ill.....	5.00	
June	27.	Rev. D. C. Henshaw, Chicago, Ill.....	1.00	
1908.				
Feb.	7.	Rev. B. A. Greene, Evanston, Ill.....	28.00	
May	21.	Rev. B. A. Greene, Evanston, Ill.....	1.00	\$ 50.00

Per Rev. E. A. Hanley, D.D.:

1907.				
Nov.	6.	Ninth St. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	\$10.00	
"		First Church, Cleveland, Ohio.....	10.00	
"		East End Church, Cleveland, Ohio.....	10.00	
"		Rev. C. S. Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5.00	
1908.				
Feb.	13.	Charles T. Lewis, Toledo, Ohio.....	10.00	
"		Euclid Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.....	10.00	
Feb.	22.	East Cleveland Church, Cleveland, Ohio..	5.00	
April	6.	First Church, Dayton, Ohio	10.00	\$ 70.00

Per Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Meriden, Conn.:

1907.				
July	6.	First Church, New London, Conn.....	\$ 5.00	
"		Rev. R. A. Ashworth, Meriden, Conn.....	10.00	
Sept.	3.	First Church, Stamford, Conn.....	5.00	
"		Central Church, Norwich, Conn.....	5.00	
Oct.	15.	First Church, Willimantic, Conn.....	5.00	
"		First Church, New Haven, Conn.....	5.00	
"		South Norwalk Sunday School, Conn.....	5.00	
1908.				
Feb.	15.	F. B. Walker, New Haven, Conn.....	5.00	
Mar.	4.	Rev. W. A. Spinney, Wallingford, Conn....	5.00	\$ 50.00

Per Rev. L. A. Crandall, D.D.:

1907.				
Nov.	2.	E. M. Van Duzee, St. Paul, Minn.....	\$10.00	
"		Dr. O. A. Williams, Minneapolis, Minn...	2.00	
"		Rev. E. A. Pope, Minneapolis, Minn.....	2.00	
"		T. E. Hughes, Minneapolis, Minn.....	2.00	\$ 16.00

1907.				
Nov.	4.	Rev. J. Y. Montague, Hiawatha, Kansas...	\$31.37	
1908.				
Jan.	8.	Rev. J. Y. Montague, Hiawatha, Kansas....	4.00	
May	21.	Rev. J. Y. Montague, Hiawatha, Kansas....	14.65	\$ 50.02
1908.				
Jan.	20.	Rev. F. H. Rowley, D.D., Brookline, Mass...	\$35.00	
Feb.	4.	Rev. F. H. Rowley, D.D., Brookline, Mass...	10.00	\$ 45.00

Per E. M. Runyan, Portland, Oregon:

1908.				
Jan.	10.	E. M. Runyan, Portland, Ore.....	\$50.00	
May	1.	Northern State Convention of California...	16.80	\$ 66.80
1907.				
July	17.	The Normal Park Church, Chicago, Ill....		1.00
Sept.	23.	Calvary Church, Washington, D. C.....		50.00
Dec.	4.	E. J. Lindsay, Milwaukee, Wis.....		50.00
1908.				
Jan.	22.	C. S. Shank, Seattle, Wash.....		50.00
Feb.	25.	Wm. E. Lincoln, Pittsburg, Pa.....		50.00
Feb.	29.	American Baptist Home Mission Society, (Being unexpended amount of appropriation for expenses of Program Committee of Northern Baptist Convention, to meet- ing in New York City).....		90.50
April	15.	Cash receipts from sale of pamphlets....		4.12
May	21	Harry Pratt Judson, Chicago, Ill.....		50.00
"		Rev. J. H. Franklin, Colorado Springs, Colo.		25.00
"		Hon. Fred Brasted		50.00
				\$922.43

EXPENDITURES

Clerical help	\$ 89.00
Postage, Telegrams and Expressage	44.75
Printing and Stationery	77.45
Traveling Expenses of Executive Committee	204.82
Total Expenditures	\$416.02
Cash Balance on Deposit with Union National Bank Pittsburg, Pa	\$506.41
\$922.43	

We have examined the report of Wm. E. Lincoln, Treasurer Northern Baptist Convention, and find it correct, with proper vouchers for all disbursements.

L. A. Crandall,
J. Y. Montague,
Auditing Committee.

(11.) The reports of the Executive Committee, and Treasurer were accepted.

(12.) The program submitted by the Executive Committee in its report, Section 4, (1) (see item 9) was as follows:

NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

THURSDAY, MAY 21.

First Session—2:30 P.M.

Call to Order.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Address of Welcome on behalf of Local Committee.

President's Address.

Permanent Organization.

Report of Corresponding Secretary and Executive Committee.

Appointment of Committees on Nominations, Resolutions, and Arrangements for Next Meeting.

Miscellaneous Business.

Second Session—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Exercises.

Addresses on, "The Northern Baptist Convention and the Kingdom of God," by L. C. Barnes, D.D., New York; L. A. Crandall, D.D., Minnesota; B. L. Whitman, D.D., Washington.

FRIDAY, MAY 22.

9:15 A.M.

Quiet Hour, Rev. James A. Francis.

Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting American Baptist Home Mission Society. Executive Session.

Ninety-seventh Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union Executive Session.

Eighty-fourth Annual Meeting American Baptist Publication Society. Executive Session.

Third Session—Home Missions—10:30 A.M.

Presentation of Annual Reports of General Denominational Societies and Appointments of Committees on Matters Connected Therewith.

Address: Col. E. H. Haskell, President American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Memorial Service for E. E. Chivers, D.D.

Introduction of L. C. Barnes, D.D., Field Secretary, and Chas. L. White, D.D., Associate Corresponding Secretary American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education. Rev. John M. Moore, General Secretary.

Fourth Session—Home Missions—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Report of Committee on Work Among the Indians.

The Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society Among the Uncivilized Indians.

Addresses by Rev. H. H. Clouse, Rev. E. C. Deyo, Rev. G. W. Hicks, Rev. Robert Hamilton, Rev. F. L. King, Rev. J. B. Rounds, Rev. W. A. Petzoldt; also by representatives of several Indian Tribes.

The Society's Educational Work for the Indians.

Addresses by Prof. W. J. Pack, of Cherokee Academy, and Prof. E. M. Collette, of Indian University.

Adjourned Meeting of American Baptist Missionary Union for Election of officers.

Fifth Session—Home Missions—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Exercises.

Report of Committee on Work Among Spanish-Speaking People.

The Work of the Home Mission Society Among Spanish-Speaking People.

1. The Mexican People in the Southwest, Rev. Alex. Turnbull, New York.
2. The Awakening of Mexico, Rev. Geo. H. Brown, Mexico City.
3. What We found in Porto Rico, J. B. Thomas, D.D., Illinois.
4. What We Found in Cuba (with stereopticon views), H. B. Grose, D.D., New York.

SATURDAY, MAY 23.

Sixth Session—Home Missions—9:00 A.M.

Quiet Hour. Rev. James A. Francis.

Report of Committee on Western Missions.

The Work of the Home Mission Society in the Southwest:

1. In Oklahoma, J. C. Stalcup, Oklahoma.
2. In New Mexico, Rev. H. F. Vermillion, New Mexico.
3. In Arizona and California, Rev. A. M. Petty, California.
4. Some Bi-Products of Home Mission Work, C. A. Woody, D.D., Oregon.

Adjourned Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Seventh Session—Laymen's Movements—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Laymen's Movements in the Baptist Denomination: Their Scope and Purpose.

Discussion. Opened by F. E. Marble, D.D., Massachusetts, and H. N. McKinney, Esq., Pennsylvania.

Eighth Session—Christian Stewardship—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Report of General Committee on Christian Stewardship.

Address by J. P. Greene, D.D., Missouri.

Discussion. Opened by J. W. Brouger, D.D., Oregon.

SUNDAY, MAY 24.

Ninth Session—10:30 A.M.

The Annual Sermon. P. S. Henson, D.D., Massachusetts.

Tenth Session—Young People's Work—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services. H. F. Stilwell, D.D., Ohio.

Announcement of Plans of the Baptist Young People's Union of America. Secretary Geo. T. Webb, Illinois.

Address: The Baptist Young People's Union of America a Denominational Asset. (Speaker to be announced.)

Eleventh Session—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Services.

The Age and its Needs.

1. As Related to the Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, H. F. Stilwell, D.D., Ohio.
2. As Related to the Work of the American Baptist Missionary Union, G. E. Burlingame, D.D., California.

3. As Related to the Work of the American Baptist Publication Society, W. C. Bitting, D.D., Missouri.

MONDAY, MAY 25.

Twelfth Session—Foreign Missions—8:30 A.M.

Informal Session under Direction of Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies.

Quiet Hour, 9:30 A.M. Rev. James A. Francis.

Address: Mr. S. W. Woodward, President American Baptist Missionary Union.

Review of Conditions, Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D.

The Work in British India: Burma, Assam, South India.

Reports of Committees. Testimonies of Missionaries. Discussion.

Thirteenth Session—Foreign Missions—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services.

The Work in Africa.

Reports of Committees. Testimonies of Missionaries. General Discussion.

The Situation in the Farther East: China, Japan, the Philippine Islands.

Impressions of the Deputation: J. Henry Haslam, D.D., A. K. DeBlois, LL.D., Mr. Harry W. Jones.

The Fields Revisited. Secretary Henry C. Mabie, D.D.

Testimonies of Missionaries. Discussion.

Fourteenth Session—Foreign Missions—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Services.

The New Era in Missions.

Addresses by Rev. J. Heinrichs, India; Rev. Wm. Axling, Japan; Rev. M. D. Eubank, M.D., China.

Presentation of Newly Appointed Missionaries.

TUESDAY, MAY 26.

Fifteenth Session—Foreign Missions—8:30 A.M.

Informal Session Under Direction of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies.

Quiet Hour. Rev. James A. Francis.

Consideration of Home Interests.

Address and General Discussion.

Reports of Committees.

Adjourned Meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

Sixteenth Session—Bible, Publication, and Missions—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Address. W. G. Brimson, Esq., Vice-President American Baptist Publication Society.

Report of Committee on Publication Work.

Discussion. Opened by J. W. Conley, D.D., Nebraska.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Chapel Car Work. Rev. E. R. Hermiston, California.

General Business.

Seventeenth Session—Bible, Publication, and Missions—7:45 P.M.

Devotional Services.

The National Teacher-Training Institute. Rev. H. T. Musselman, Pennsylvania.

Fifth Session—Home Missions—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Exercises.

Report of Committee on Work Among Spanish-Speaking People.

The Work of the Home Mission Society Among Spanish-Speaking People.

1. The Mexican People in the Southwest, Rev. Alex. Turnbull, New York.
2. The Awakening of Mexico, Rev. Geo. H. Brown, Mexico City.
3. What We found in Porto Rico, J. B. Thomas, D.D., Illinois.
4. What We Found in Cuba (with stereopticon views), H. B. Grose, D.D., New York.

SATURDAY, MAY 23.

Sixth Session—Home Missions—9:00 A.M.

Quiet Hour. Rev. James A. Francis.

Report of Committee on Western Missions.

The Work of the Home Mission Society in the Southwest:

1. In Oklahoma, J. C. Stalcup, Oklahoma.
2. In New Mexico, Rev. H. F. Vermillion, New Mexico.
3. In Arizona and California, Rev. A. M. Petty, California.
4. Some Bi-Products of Home Mission Work, C. A. Woody, D.D., Oregon.

Adjourned Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Seventh Session—Laymen's Movements—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Laymen's Movements in the Baptist Denomination: Their Scope and Purpose.

Discussion. Opened by F. E. Marble, D.D., Massachusetts, and H. N. McKinney, Esq., Pennsylvania.

Eighth Session—Christian Stewardship—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Report of General Committee on Christian Stewardship.

Address by J. P. Greene, D.D., Missouri.

Discussion. Opened by J. W. Brougher, D.D., Oregon.

SUNDAY, MAY 24.

Ninth Session—10:30 A.M.

The Annual Sermon. P. S. Henson, D.D., Massachusetts.

Tenth Session—Young People's Work—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services. H. F. Stilwell, D.D., Ohio.

Announcement of Plans of the Baptist Young People's Union of America. Secretary Geo. T. Webb, Illinois.

Address: The Baptist Young People's Union of America a Denominational Asset. (Speaker to be announced.)

Eleventh Session—7:30 P.M.

Devotional Services.

The Age and its Needs.

1. As Related to the Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, H. F. Stilwell, D.D., Ohio.
2. As Related to the Work of the American Baptist Missionary Union, G. E. Burlingame, D.D., California.

3. As Related to the Work of the American Baptist Publication Society, W. C. Bitting, D.D., Missouri.

MONDAY, MAY 25.

Twelfth Session—Foreign Missions—8:30 A.M.

Informal Session under Direction of Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies.

Quiet Hour, 9:30 A.M. Rev. James A. Francis.

Address: Mr. S. W. Woodward, President American Baptist Missionary Union.

Review of Conditions, Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D.

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Presentation of Newly Appointed Missionaries.

TUESDAY, MAY 26.

Fifteenth Session—Foreign Missions—8:30 A.M.

Informal Session Under Direction of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Societies.

Quiet Hour. Rev. James A. Francis.

Consideration of Home Interests.

Address and General Discussion.

Reports of Committees.

Adjourned Meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

Sixteenth Session—Bible, Publication, and Missions—2:15 P.M.

Devotional Services.

Address. W. G. Brimson, Esq., Vice-President American Baptist Publication Society.

Report of Committee on Publication Work.

Discussion. Opened by J. W. Conley, D.D., Nebraska.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Chapel Car Work. Rev. E. R. Hermiston, California.

General Business.

Seventeenth Session—Bible, Publication, and Missions—7:45 P.M.

Devotional Services.

The National Teacher-Training Institute. Rev. H. T. Musselman, Pennsylvania.

Address: The Publication Society; Its Place and Claims, P. S. Henson, D.D., Massachusetts.
 Discussion and General Business.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27.

Eighteenth Session—Bible, Publication, and Missions—9:15 A.M.

Quiet Hour. Rev. James A. Francis.

Report of Committee on Bible and Missionary Work.

Discussion. Opened by J. P. Greene, D.D., Missouri.

The Work of the American Baptist Publication Society in the Southwest.

Addresses. Rev. W. H. Johnson, Texas; Rev. J. L. Rupard, New Mexico; and Rev. S. L. Holloway, Arkansas.

Discussion and General Business.

Adjourned Meeting of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Nineteenth Session—Social Questions—2:45 P.M.

1. Present Progress in Temperance Reform, S. Z. Batten, D.D., Nebraska.

2. A Reasonable Social Policy for a Christian People, C. R. Henderson, D.D., Illinois.

Discussion and General Business.

Twentieth Session—The Culture of the Denominational Unit— 7:30 P.M.

Devotional Services.

1. The Development of Unused Energies in the Local Church, F. E. Taylor, D.D., Indiana.

2. The Development of the Spirit of Democracy in the Local Church, Robert J. Burdette, D.D., California.

3. A Larger Outlook for the Individual Baptist, Rev. J. H. Franklin, Colorado.

(13.) W. A. Stanton, Pennsylvania, moved the adoption of the following By-Law, recommended in Section 3 of the Report of the Executive Committee. (See item 9.)

“Reports of such general denominational organizations as may be offered to the Convention, shall be referred to committees to be appointed by the President, which committees shall report to the Convention with such suggestions and recommendations as they deem advisable, at times to be arranged for by the Committee on Order of Business, and previously announced when practicable.”

(14.) A. W. Wishart, on behalf of the Michigan delegation, moved to amend by striking out everything after the words, “offered to the Convention,” and substituting therefor the following:

“together with all other subjects of importance, pertaining thereto, shall be referred, except when otherwise ordered by the Convention, to a general committee to be composed of one delegate from each state, to be nominated by the delegates of the respective states, which general committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to expedite its work, and shall report to the Convention at times to be arranged for by the Committee on Order of Business, and previously announced when practicable.”

(15.) The amendment moved by the Michigan delegation was adopted as By-Law III., and the numbers of the following By-Laws were changed accordingly.

(16.) The resolutions proposed by the Executive Committee in Section 4 of its Report (see item 9) were adopted.

(17.) The recommendations in Section 4 (2), (3), of the Executive Committee's Report were adopted. (See item 9.)

(18.) On motion of D. DeWolf it was

Resolved: That so much of the program presented by the Executive Committee (see item 12) as pertains to the sessions of the Convention this afternoon and the sessions to-morrow morning, be adopted; and that the remainder of the program be referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be appointed by the chair, which committee shall report daily, at least one session in advance.

(19.) After discussion by Mornay Williams, F. P. Haggard, W. M. Courson, G. W. Smith, W. C. Bitting, C. H. Moss, and the Vice-President, it was voted to adopt Section 5 of the Report of the Executive Committee, relating to the appointment of a Committee of Seven. (See item 9.)

(20.) A motion by G. W. Smith, for the appointment of a Commission of Twenty-one to consider the relation of the Convention to general Baptist organizations, was laid upon the table until after the report of the Committee of Seven provided for by Section 5 of the Executive Committee's Report. (See item 19.)

(21.) On motion of H. Pattison, it was voted that Vice-President Judson be elected a member of the Committee of Seven, as provided for in Section 5 of the Executive Committee's Report.

(22.) The recommendation in Section 6 of the Executive Committee's Report concerning an Annual for the Northern Baptist Convention was adopted. (See item 9.)

(23.) It was voted that the Vice-President appoint a Committee of Seven on Nominations.

(24.) It was voted that the Vice-President appoint a Committee of Seven on Resolutions.

(25.) It was voted that the Vice-President appoint a Committee of Seven on Arrangements for the Next Meeting.

(26.) On motion of T. D. Landels, it was

Resolved: That this Convention instruct the incoming Executive Committee to consider whether it be not desirable and feasible to make the Executive body of the Convention more thoroughly representative of the churches, and to report at the next annual meeting.

(27.) On motion of A. G. Lawson, it was

Resolved: That the Convention send fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church now meeting in Kansas City, Missouri; to the General Conference of the

Methodist Episcopal Church now meeting in Baltimore, Maryland; and to such other general Christian bodies as may be in session at this time.

The following messages were sent:

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 21, 1908.
To the Presbyterian General Assembly,
Kansas City, Mo.:

The Northern Baptist Convention assembled in Oklahoma sends Christian greetings. We pray God's blessings upon your deliberations.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 21, 1908.
To the Methodist Quadrennial Conference,
Baltimore, Maryland:

The Northern Baptist Convention sends fraternal greetings. Striving together in love for the furtherance of the gospel.

(28.) It was voted that the Vice-President appoint a Committee of Seven on Religious Services for next Sunday.

(29.) After prayer by H. C. Mabie the Convention adjourned.

Second Session.

(30.) The Convention was called to order at 8 P.M. by Vice-President Judson.

(31.) Addresses were made by L. C. Barnes, L. A. Crandall, and B. L. Whitman, on the topic, "The Northern Baptist Convention and the Kingdom of God."

(32.) The Vice-President announced the Committees on Reports of Denominational Societies (Items 14, 15), Order of Business (Item 18), Conference with Committees from Denominational Organizations (Item 19), Nominations (Item 23), Resolutions (Item 24), Arrangements for Next Meeting (Item 25), Religious Services (Item 28).

(For names of delegates serving on these Committees see pages introductory to these minutes.)

(33.) The session closed with prayer by B. L. Whitman.

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(34.) Executive sessions of the Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, of the Ninety-seventh Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, and of the Eighty-fourth Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Publication Society were held consecutively, Friday morning, May 28th, 1908. At these meetings, upon recommendation of the several Executive Boards or Committees of these societies, each of them voted to submit their Annual Reports to the Convention for such consideration as might properly be taken in accordance with the action reported by the Convention's Executive Committee, Item 9, Section 4 (2).

Third Session.

(35.) The Convention was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Vice-President Judson.

(36.) By request of Vice-President Judson and on motion of G. W. Nicholson, it was

Resolved: That all the Convention Committees now consisting of seven persons be increased to ten persons; that membership in these committees be distributed as widely as possible, avoiding repetition of names on committees; and that each state delegation furnish at once to the President suitable names for service on committees, indicating laymen and ministers.*

(37.) The Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was then presented by H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary, to the Convention for its consideration in accordance with action previously taken. (See Report of Executive Committee, Section 4, item 9; and action recorded in items 13-16.)

**SUMMARY OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE AMERICAN
BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

The seventy-sixth annual report of the Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society is submitted, with special salutation to its numerous constituency in this new commonwealth, to whom in their early struggles its liberal aid was given, and with whom now it harmoniously co-operates in organized missionary effort. Particular greeting also to the consecrated company of pioneer preachers who have endured hardness as good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. The rapidity and solidity of our denominational development here, in so brief a period, has been unparalleled in our history. Here we have a fresh and forcible illustration of the truth that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him," and that the proclamation of the Gospel message of justification by faith in the crucified and risen Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit is still the power of God unto salvation, whether to the White Man of the city or to the untutored Red Man of the tepee. Here faith is strengthened and courage is renewed for future tasks.

A Year of Many Changes.

The Society has suffered unusual bereavements and afflictions in the ranks of its representatives occupying important positions. It has been bereft of its beloved Field Secretary, Dr. E. E. Chivers, and of two highly esteemed District Secretaries, Dr. E. H. E. Jameson and Dr. F. T. Hazlewood. Dr. N. B. Rairden, Superintendent of Missions for the Trans-Mississippi Division, has been disabled for service throughout the year, but returns from his trip around the world with the hope of resuming his labors to some extent, if not fully.

Two recent appointments call for special mention. At the March meeting of the Board, Dr. Lemuel Call Barnes, of Worcester, Mass., was appointed Field Secretary of the Society, and Dr. Charles Lincoln White, of Waterville, Me., was appointed Associate Corresponding Secretary. Their acceptances have been received; the former entering upon his duties April 1st; the latter, July 1st. Dr. Barnes brings to the service of the Society a strong missionary spirit, wide acquaintance with denominational affairs—partly because of pastorates in St. Paul, Minn., twice at the same church in Pittsburg, Pa.; and in Newton Centre and Worcester, Mass. He is so well and favorably known that he needs no introduction to the Society. It seems peculiarly appropriate that as a successor of Dr. Jonathan Going in the pastorate at Worcester, he should likewise become identified with the Society which Dr. Going was largely instrumental in organizing, and with whose early history he was prominently identified.

Dr. White's work as pastor, as former Superintendent of State Missions, and for the past seven years as the successful President of Colby University, Me., with its four affiliated academies, has given him a breadth of experience that especially qualifies him for the duties of a position in which much attention must be given to details of administration, particularly in the large educational enterprises under the Society's auspices.

The Northern Baptist Convention.

The Northern Baptist Convention, which was provisionally organized at Washington in May, 1907, will doubtless become a permanent organization at and after the Anniversaries this year, inasmuch as its desirability has been generally recognized. By the terms of its constitution the officers of this Society and members of its Executive Board, in common with like representatives of other societies, are constituted, ex-officio, members of the Convention, thereby establishing a direct and vital relationship between these bodies.

Precisely how the workings of each may best be adjusted to the other remains to be determined. At a conference held at the Home Mission Rooms in New York City, February 14, 1908, between committees representing the Executive Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Publication Society, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society, fifteen persons being in attendance, primarily and chiefly to arrange a comprehensive and satisfactory program for the entire series of meetings, other questions concerning the relations of existing organizations to the new Convention emerged. The recommendations of that conference were duly transmitted to the Boards of the several organizations for their consideration and were duly approved by all, and thereupon were published in our denominational papers. In the programme as adopted your Board has sought to accommodate its sessions to those of the Convention and of the other Societies in a way that would best serve

the interests of all concerned, the Home Mission Society coming first this year in the series of meetings of the three societies.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Your Board has observed with much interest the rise and progress of the movement to enlist our business men more generally and more generously in the great missionary enterprises of the day. When, therefore, the Executive Committee of the Missionary Union, in July, 1907, invited us to send representatives to a conference with representatives of that body and of the Publication Society for the declared purpose of considering a proposal for a joint campaign for the awakening of missionary interest among the men of our churches, the invitation was cordially accepted in the confident belief that such a combination of forces would be most effective and would be an expression of denominational unity and harmony in consonance with the trend of events among us in recent years.

A committee was constituted, consisting of the three presidents and three secretaries of our general societies, who proceeded in September to arrange for a meeting of laymen in New York in October, and in the draft of a circular prepared for the purpose said: "While the original proposal of the Laymen's Movement had immediate reference to Foreign Missions, yet in this effort of the Northern Baptists it has been deemed wiser to project a broad campaign, covering the interests of home as well as foreign work, so that the men of our denomination in their full solidarity may be roused by an undivided appeal, and may be encouraged to express themselves, as we believe they will wish to do, respecting mission work in its entirety. The fact that at this time both our home and foreign societies are hampered with considerable debts, while the demands on all fields are so imperative as to require marked enlargements, seems to commend this plan."

Among the Baptists of the South and of Canada the Laymen's Movement most happily includes both home and foreign work, and it remains for Baptists of the North and West in their own sovereign right to determine whether it shall be correspondingly comprehensive among us, and thereby contributing in this respect to continental denominational harmony and power.

Our Young People.

The report of your Board a year ago announced an arrangement between the Missionary Union and the Home Mission Society for the more thorough cultivation of our young people in the interests of missions at home and abroad and the appointment of Rev. John M. Moore as General Secretary for this purpose. From the beginning of his service in January, 1907, he has proved his adaptation for this position, and out of the nebulous conditions is bringing orderliness and definiteness.

After preliminary conferences, a joint committee of the two Societies, meeting in New York, February 25, 1908, agreed to recommend to their Executive Boards that after April 1st the name be changed to "The Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education"; that representation in the Committee of Management be given to the Publication Society, and to the two Women's Home Mission Societies, and the two Women's Foreign Mission Societies, if they choose thus to co-operate; and that the scope of the work be enlarged to include Sunday-schools, Young People's Societies, Young Women's Missionary organizations, Mission Bands, and Institutions of Learning. The declared purpose and aim of the Movement is "the

promotion of Missionary education among Baptist Young People, to the end that the missionary enterprise may receive more generous offerings of life and money." Definite effort is made to persuade our young people to form habits of systematic giving, and to do this in connection with and not apart from the churches of which they are members. This plan has been formally approved by your Board and by some of the other organizations.

I.—FINANCIAL

The report of the Board last year contained a special statement concerning the Society's financial condition, with its indebtedness of \$72,582.42 and the probable necessity of retrenchment the ensuing year. At the annual meeting in Washington it was voted "that it is the sense of the Baptist denomination as represented on the floor that the Society should not plan retrenchment for the coming year." Nevertheless, your Board, after full consideration of the situation, felt constrained to make reductions wherever possible without jeopardizing the work. This decision, as events have proved, was wise, having measurably saved the Society from a much more serious indebtedness. As it is, the deficit for the year is \$23,311.16, making the total indebtedness \$95,893.58. Had it not been for the unexpected expense connected with the completion and equipment of the new school building at El Cristo, Cuba, the deficit for the current year would have been only about \$8,000. But the investment thus made in this educational plant gives ample promise of great returns for the benefit of our work in Cuba. There will be no corresponding draft from any quarter upon the general fund of the Society during the coming year, hence no similar addition to the present deficit. However, account must be taken of the termination of the annual installments of about \$26,000 which have been received during the last six years from the estate of the late Daniel Sharp Ford, of Boston, Mass. Nothing more being available from that source, it remains to be determined whether a corresponding increase of resources can be secured from others, or whether a reduction of this amount must be made in appropriations for the coming year.

The Year's Work.

The grand total of receipts for all purposes the past year was \$721,672.10, being \$80,994.58 less than for the previous year. In last year's receipts, however, were included the exceptional offerings of \$45,134.13 for the California Relief Fund.

For the General Fund receipts from all sources were \$540,047.77, being \$18,014.97 more than for the previous year. The total legacies, for general purposes, \$68,349.14, being \$2,834.28 more than last year, and for all purposes \$149,653.72. This came from 75 estates. Designated receipts from the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society (Boston) were \$21,881.65, and from the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society (Chicago), \$5,133.82. Special individual gifts for general purposes amount to \$104,239.89, being about \$10,000 less than last year.

The Budget and Apportionment Plan.

In accordance with the instructions of the Society at its meeting in Washington last year in regard to the budget for 1907-8 and an apportionment of the amount required to States, associations and churches, your Board at the June meeting directed the Corresponding Secretary to confer with representatives of the Missionary Union and the Publication Society on the subject. Directly thereafter a

printed circular was prepared, concerning the "New Method," with an apportionment of the amounts required from each State for the year's work. Through the District Secretaries there was a subdivision of these amounts to associations and churches, not in any sense as an assessment, but rather as a statement of the proportionate sum from each, in order to secure the aggregate named in the budget. Many of the associations had met before this was issued. The plan therefore has not had a full and fair trial during the past year.

Immediate Demands.

A million dollars for special purposes, over and above the annual receipts of the Society, are an immediate need.

For city mission work \$100,000 annually should be expended during the next three years. A considerable proportion of this is required for the acquisition of sites and the erection of suitable houses of worship. Administered in a way that should stimulate local effort in such enterprises it would be of untold value.

For pressing enlargement of work among our foreign-speaking population and among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the Southwest, of Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico, at least \$50,000 annually for the next three years is needed. Our efforts for the evangelization of the Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest are distressingly inadequate. We have merely touched the fringe of enormous masses of people from some European countries. Their accessibility here, and their deplorable ignorance of the Gospel, constitute a providential summons to us to prosecute this work more vigorously, before the opportune period for the evangelization of these millions shall have passed away.

The awakening of Mexico and its rapid rise in the elements of national life and power call for more aggressive work there. Surely \$10,000 per year does not worthily represent the measure of our obligation to give the Gospel to these fourteen millions of our sister republic. \$25,000 are needed for a site and a building for the theological school at Monterey and at least as much more for a school for girls in the City of Mexico. Too long already have these vital educational adjuncts of our work been neglected.

In Cuba the phenomenal success of our school at El Cristo under the masterly management of Dr. Moseley creates the necessity for larger accommodations, while the establishment of several day schools in connection with our most important missions is imperatively demanded.

In Porto Rico reinforcements are needed, and the educational problem there must have immediate attention. The unique and successful school work done at Coamo should be strengthened, and definite provision should be made for the education of native preachers, many of whom have exceptional evangelistic fervor, but need instruction in the Word of God more thoroughly.

Immediate needs in our educational work for the Negroes call for at least \$500,000 of this amount; \$100,000 should be applied as follows: To the erection of a dormitory building at Virginia Union University, Richmond; to the erection of an additional building for the Leonard Medical School of Shaw University, at Raleigh; and to the erection of a proper building for class rooms, etc., at Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga. An endowment fund of \$100,000 is needed for the Leonard Medical School, which is doing excellent work in preparation of Negro physicians, but which lacks from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per year for its maintenance. For Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., a partial endowment of at least \$300,000 should be pro-

vided. Its annual deficits of \$10,000 to \$12,000 cannot long be met by special efforts.

Measures should be adopted to secure as large a proportion as possible of this million dollars immediately; in any event, to secure the whole within the next three years. Part of it, indeed, as in city mission work, would run through this period.

II.—MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Missionary Summary.

The following presents a summary exhibit of the missionary operations of the Society:

The whole number of laborers, missionaries and teachers supported wholly or in part by the Society has been 1,533. These have been distributed as follows: In New England, 63; in the Middle and Central States, 101; in the Southern States, 255; in the Western States and Territories, 993; in the Canadian Dominion, 11; in Mexico, 33; in Cuba, 38; in Porto Rico, 39; French missionaries have wrought in 8 States; Scandinavian missionaries in 25 States; German missionaries in 21 States and Canada; colored missionaries in 16 States.

Among the foreign populations there have been 331 missionaries; among the colored people, 52 missionaries and 247 teachers; the Indians, 26 and 26; the Mexicans, 27 and 18; the Cubans, 27 and 11; the Porto Ricans, 32 and 7, respectively; and among Americans, 729 missionaries.

The Society aids in the maintenance of thirty-five schools established for the colored people, the Indians and the Mexicans. There are day-schools for the Cubans and 1 for the Porto Ricans; in all 39.

Number of laborers	1,533
Weeks of labor	52,121
Churches and out-stations supplied.....	2,158
Sermons preached	117,991
Prayer meetings attended.....	51,277
Religious visits made	358,484
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	12,880
Pages of tracts distributed	1,998,924
Received by baptism	7,404
Received by letter and experience	8,880
Total church membership	66,268
Churches organized	45
Sunday-schools under care of missionaries....	1,460
Attendance at Sunday-schools	89,611
Benevolent contributions reported	\$155,167.49

Results of Seventy-Six Years.

No. of commissions to missionaries and teachers	35,597
Weeks of service reported	1,245,877
Sermons preached	3,027,410
Prayer meetings attended	1,548,379
Religious visits to families and individuals...	8,090,386
Persons baptized	215,572
Churches organized	6,158

Distribution of Missionaries by States.

Maine	3	Minnesota	73
New Hampshire	5	Iowa	3
Vermont	3	Missouri	15
Massachusetts	31	Nebraska	41
Rhode Island	7	Kansas	56
Connecticut	14	Oklahoma	233
New York	40	South Dakota	41
New Jersey	23	North Dakota	32
Pennsylvania	21	Montana	28
Delaware	7	Wyoming	11
Virginia	44	Colorado	37
West Virginia	10	New Mexico	38
Kentucky	13	Arizona	23
Tennessee	1	Utah	11
North Carolina	33	Idaho	26
South Carolina	37	Nevada	4
Georgia	62	California	99
Florida	6	Oregon	40
Alabama	5	Washington	86
Mississippi	21	Manitoba	4
Louisiana	4	Alberta	2
Arkansas	4	Ontario	2
Texas	25	Saskatchewan	3
Ohio	6	Mexico	33
Michigan	28	Cuba	38
Indiana	3	Porto Rico	39
Illinois	30		
Wisconsin	29		
			1,533

The Society's Work in the Southwest.

The invitation from the Baptists of Oklahoma City to the Societies to hold their anniversaries here in 1908 was received at first with astonishment by many who were not cognizant of the remarkable development in the city and the State in the brief period of their history. Of the Society's part in the advancement of Baptist interests, not only here, but throughout the Southwest, mention may most properly be made. For about ten years, in the swiftly formative period of the new Territory, nearly all the missionary and church edifice work was done by the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Society's expenditure in the former Territory of Oklahoma during the ten years of its independent work from 1890 to 1900, was, for missionary work \$76,325.15, and for church edifice work \$14,018.91. Every important point had been occupied, and 30 church edifices had been built by aid from its church edifice funds.

In what was formerly Indian Territory, prior to 1900, the Society had expended for missionary and educational purposes, \$324,703.82, and for church edifice work, \$19,597.45. The beginnings of its work in that Territory date back to 1865, when the Indian Missions of the American Baptist Missionary Union were transferred to this Society.

The total expenditure of the Society to the present time for missionary purposes in the two Territories now comprising the State of Oklahoma is \$287,128.71; for educational purposes, \$275,691.74; and in gifts for church edifice work (besides numerous loans) \$47,196.05; making a grand total of \$610,016.50. Grants have been made to nearly 150 churches in the erection of houses of worship in this State.

The Society's educational work among the civilized Indian tribes and its missionary work among the blanket Indians were prosecuted long before the organization of any Convention in the Territories, and have been regarded as its own special and separate fields.

The Society's expenditure for New Mexico has been, for missionary purposes \$136,311.95, and in gifts for church edifice purposes \$9,537.

Our total expenditure for Arizona has been, for missionary purposes, \$82,817.29, and in gifts for church edifice purposes, \$5,550.

The West.

The West still has first claims upon the Society, which rejoices in the splendid progress of the denomination throughout the entire region in recent years. From many quarters come reports of a new and large inrush of settlers, where lands have lately been thrown open to settlement or where vast irrigation projects have approached or are approaching completion, and in connection also with extensive railway construction. The infilling of the middle western regions is going forward at a rapid rate that requires our most vigorous effort and most liberal outlay to occupy new fields.

According to reports of our representatives, 59 mission churches became self-supporting last year; but there are fully 185 new fields that ought to be occupied the present year. Last year 100 new fields were taken up.

Among the 200,000 Spanish-speaking people of the Southwest, in Colorado there are two groups of believers at Alamosa and Ortiz, with a day school at the latter place. In New Mexico there are six Baptist churches with about 75 members, and three native pastors; also a mission in connection with the day schools that have been maintained for several years at Velarde and Alcade.

The Society's Work Among the Indians.

Among the civilized tribes special emphasis has been put upon educational work. A school was begun at Tahlequah, I. T., in 1880, and has been maintained continuously twenty-eight years until now, when changed educational conditions in the new State have caused your Board to decide upon its consolidation with Indian University, established in 1882, and located near Muskogee. The Cherokee Academy was mainly for the Cherokee Indians; while Indian University was established for the benefit of all. Both have had a considerable proportion of white pupils and so have contributed to the intellectual as well as spiritual improvement of the denomination. The Society also aided the Seminole school at Sa-sak-wa for several years, and maintained a school at Atoka for the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Our expenditure for this educational work, including buildings and their equipment and maintenance, salaries, etc., has been \$275,-691.54.

Our missions among the semi-civilized or "blanket" Indians naturally have special prominence at this annual meeting, which is held in proximity to them, so that provision has been made for their representatives to attend, both for their own benefit and ours.

Among the Kiowas there are 4 Baptist churches with 451 members, including Apaches; among the Comanches, 1 church with 109 members; among the Arapahoes, 1 church with 50 members; and another, including some Cheyennes, with 68 members; among the Cheyennes, 2 churches with 141 members; among the Wichitas and Caddos, 1 church with 40 members; making a total in Oklahoma of

10 churches with 859 members. The church among the Crows, of Montana, numbers 15 members.

At all these principal stations there are chapels and parsonages, and some other buildings, representing an outlay for these purposes by the Society of about \$9,000. For missionaries' salaries to these uncivilized tribes in Oklahoma since 1888 there has been appropriated \$79,793.43, making the total for both purposes nearly \$90,000.

Work Among our Foreign Populations.

The number of missionaries among the foreign-speaking peoples in the United States the past year was 330. The list of nationalities or peoples is as follows: French Canadians, chiefly in New England; Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, Danes, Finns, Bohemians, Poles, Russians, Jews, Hungarians, Slavs, Slovaks, Lithuanians, Letts, Italians, Portuguese, Greeks, Chinese, Japanese and Syrians. Very few are the States and Territories in our field in which there are not missionaries to some of these people. In New England there were 63 last year mostly laboring under a plan of co-operation between the Society and State Conventions.

Our missions to the Italians are most encouraging. The Society last Summer released Rev. A. Mangano to devote himself wholly to the Italian Department of the Divinity School of Colgate University. This school opened in rented quarters in Brooklyn, and has had the services also, for a part of the time, of Rev. James M. Bruce, Superintendent of Missions among the foreign populations. There are good reasons for believing that it will soon become a strong factor in the training of Italian students for the ministry.

The mission to the Chinese of San Francisco will ere long return to the new building, now being erected on the old site in the Chinese quarter, which has been to a large extent rebuilt in a more substantial manner, and will doubtless remain indefinitely the center of the Chinese population in that city.

American Christianity is on trial to-day, as it stands face to face with these millions from many other lands, a large proportion of whom are properly a field for missionary effort. No work, anywhere in the world, is more urgent just now than this.

Mexico.

The outlook in Mexico is more favorable than in many years. Decided advance has been made in several respects. Through the efforts of Rev. George H. Brewer, General Missionary, an American Baptist Church has been organized in the City of Mexico.

Perhaps the most important event of the year is the establishment of a Baptist Theological School under the Society's auspices in Monterey, Mexico, and of which Rev. Alejandro Trevino is the head. It was opened in the fall of 1907, and has had an enrollment of eight young men. More will attend next year. This work of raising up efficient Mexican ministers must be vigorously prosecuted, for by them largely must the evangelization of Mexico be accomplished.

Cuba and Porto Rico.

Continued prosperity attends our missionary work in Cuba and Porto Rico. The reports of Dr. H. R. Moseley, General Missionary for Eastern Cuba, and Rev. A. B. Rudd, General Missionary for Porto Rico, show how wisely and well the work is being done. The aggregate totals of what has been accomplished within the short space of nine years affords cause for profound thanksgiving and for encouragement. Where nine years ago there were solid Roman

Catholic communities, and such a thing as a Baptist Church in these regions was unknown, we now have 63 Baptist churches with 3,318 members; 90 missionary out-stations, 35 houses of worship, 9 parsonages, and church property valued at \$140,000; besides two flourishing schools, one at El Cristo, Cuba; the other at Coamo, Porto Rico.

Evangelism.

The Special Committee of the Society on Evangelism has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. E. E. Chivers, its secretary and general superintendent of the work. Before this sad event in December last, he had been instrumental in bringing about the appointment of two evangelists-at-large, as foreshadowed in last year's report: viz., Rev. James A. Francis, D.D., who began his work in this capacity September 1, 1907; and Rev. Samuel McBride, D.D., who began in January of this year.

During the year fourteen state evangelists have been appointed, mostly for the entire time, in co-operation with the following State Conventions: Connecticut, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Oregon, West Washington, Northern California and Southern California.

Two German evangelists have labored with much success, as appointees of the German Baptist Conference and this Society.

Literature, Etc.

Arrangements have been made with the Missionary Union for special club rates to subscribers for the "Baptist Missionary Magazine" and the "Baptist Home Mission Monthly," as follows: In clubs of five per cent of the church membership, 65 cents; to ministers, 40 cents. Single annual subscriptions for both periodicals, \$1.25. This has evidently been received with favor, as indicated in the increased subscription list, which is the largest in the history of the "Monthly." To this and to the preparation of illustrated stereopticon lectures, for which there is growing demand from pastors and others, the Editorial Secretary, Dr. Grose, has given much attention, himself frequently responding to calls for such service.

III.—CHURCH EDIFICE DEPARTMENT

The Year's Work.

The number of churches aided during the year, 107; by gift only, 67; by loan only, 10; by gift and loan, 30. The total number of grants from the loan fund, 40; the total number of grants from the gift fund, 97.

Gift Fund Statistics for 1907-1908.

Contributions, general	\$14,373.65
Designated	13,500.50
Legacies	1,000.00
Income from investments	14,032.25
Realized from gifts	6,498.18
Miscellaneous	233.35
Total receipts	\$49,637.93
Aggregate of gifts to churches	52,417.79
Average to each church	540.00

The total amount of grants from the loan and gift funds (other than Cuba, Porto Rico and Mexico) of \$83,967.79 has secured church property of the value of \$296,700.

The whole number of churches aided up to the present time is 2,735, of these 2,391 have been aided in the past twenty-seven years.

Since the last report the following amounts have been paid to the churches named: To the First Baptist Church, Oakland, Cal., \$22,947.38, which has enabled them (with a loan obtained elsewhere) to complete their house, which was dedicated April 12, 1908. To the First Baptist Church of San Jose, their full amount, \$9,500, which enabled them to complete and dedicate their house early this year. To the Swedish Church, San Francisco, \$2,500, part payment of appropriation. To the First (colored) Baptist Church of San Francisco, \$9,500, part payment also. To the Swedish Baptist Church of San Francisco, \$2,500, part payment also. Minor sums have been paid to other churches also.

IV.—EDUCATIONAL

Our educational work among comparatively dependent and undeveloped races and peoples is thoroughly missionary in its motives, methods and aims. Within the last forty years about 8,000 conversions of students have been reported. Conversions reported last year 371. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that most of the pupils, often eighty to ninety per cent, are members of churches. Frequently, as in some instances during the past year, special evangelistic services have been held in these institutions with most gratifying results. In most if not in all of the schools for the Negroes there are student missionary societies. The average enrollment of students for the ministry is about 500.

The general statistics for the last year were as follows: Whole number of schools, 28; of pupils, 8,311; of students for the ministry, 488; of conversions reported, 371. The number of teachers was 436.

The noteworthy matters of the year relating to material equipment are as follows: The acquisition of about ten acres of land adjacent to the campus of Virginia Union University at a cost of \$8,483.55 by funds available for this purpose; the completion of the addition to the administrative building and of a wing to Estey Hall, at Shaw University, besides the completion and partial equipment of the industrial building, Tupper Memorial Hall; the erection at Jackson College, Miss., of a commodious building for class-room and chapel uses at an expense, including equipment, of about \$23,000; nearly one-half of this amount being derived from the sale of a part of the land bought for the school, most of the balance coming from the earnings of the school itself.

Our school for young men and young women at El Cristo, near the city of Santiago, Cuba, was opened in October, 1907, the formal dedication exercises taking place February 5, 1908, when a number of American friends were present. The principal buildings, each 42x90 and two stories in height, are built of hollow concrete blocks, for protection against accumulated moisture in the rainy season. The total cost for grounds, buildings, equipments, fencing, etc., has been nearly \$40,000, of which about \$17,000 were designated gifts. The buildings should stand for centuries. The school, of which Rev. A. L. Story is principal, has had phenomenal success, and has given Baptists a commanding position throughout Eastern Cuba. We regard it as one of the wisest possible investments.

Conclusion.

The administration of the Society's affairs, though increasingly onerous year by year, is attended with much satisfaction on the part of your Board, because of the far-reaching effects of its many-sided activities. It is pre-eminent as a pioneer missionary agency and as a constructive force in the formative stages of denominational development in the newer sections of our country; it sustains close co-operative relations with about forty other organizations; its operations extend to every State and Territory of the Union with two minor exceptions, and into Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico; its missionaries preach to twenty-five different nationalities or peoples; its evangelistic force and methods keep to the front the supreme work of the churches, and fields of home mission tillage furnish large supplies of men and money for foreign missions. American civilization has been enriched and purified and other lands and peoples have been blessed through these home mission activities. As this nation comes into closer and more influential relations with other nations, especially those of the Orient, its thorough evangelization is of the highest importance to the progress of the Kingdom of God in the Earth. A fitting home mission prayer is that of the sixty-seventh psalm: "God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon Earth, Thy salvation among all nations."

(38.) The Ninety-seventh Annual Report of the American Baptist Missionary Union was then presented by F. P. Haggard, Corresponding Secretary, to the Convention for its consideration in accordance with action previously taken. (See Report of Executive Committee, Section 4, item 9; and action recorded in items 13-16.)

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

The Problems at Home.

Donations this year show an increase of \$23,721.17, but the problem is still a tremendous one which the Union is facing. The situation seems to call for a reorganization of forces in the home land.

The Apportionment Plan.—Last year at the Anniversaries a proposal was brought forward for the apportionment of the various missionary budgets among the churches, so that each might know its share of the burden. In spite of difficulties, the plan has worked well, and the Committee desire to join with the other societies in its continuance for the coming year.

Curtailling Appropriations.—Though these and other measures, such as the beginning of a permanent fund which shall correct fluctuations in legacies, give hope for the future, the fact remains that the year closes with an indebtedness of \$158,694.55. Impelled, therefore, by regard for business integrity, the Executive Committee have voted the reduction of appropriations as much as possible during the ensuing year, and as soon as possible thereafter appropriations are not to exceed the income of the preceding year. (See action of the Northern Baptist Convention on the question of retrenchment.) In view also of current needs, efforts to raise a fund of \$500,000 for higher education have been withdrawn, and the fund rests at the \$152,000 now obtained.

The Call to the Young.—The hope of the home field is the young people. Baptists are approaching them through the Sunday-school Co-operating Committee, which have now been appointed for a second period of three years, to work in co-operation with the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education, which supplants, with a broader scope, the Young People's Forward Movement. This organization, which now represents the seven Baptist missionary societies, has mapped out a broad work among young people and Sunday-schools. The Executive Committee have also shared in the work of the Young People's Missionary Movement.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement.—Much is hoped from the maturing of the plans of our laymen for a concerted lift at the burden of foreign missions. The members of the Deputation to the Far East have given freely of their time, ability and influence in educating the public to the significance of missions.

The Northern Baptist Convention.—The Committee have been deeply interested in the plans for the organization of the Northern Baptist Convention, and anticipate that it will prove a great source of power and a rallying center for our varied denominational forces. Representatives of the Committee have conferred at different times with committees of the Convention, and have co-operated heartily in the development of the tentative plans which concerned the Union. The Committee joined with the Boards of the Home Mission Society and the Publication Society in recommending that the annual reports of the three societies be submitted to the Convention for such advisory expression as that body might be interested to make. They also united with the Boards of the other societies in recommending the creation of a Commission of Twenty-one, representing all our denominational societies, with the Northern Baptist Convention, to make a thorough study of our denominational life and problems, and to report thereon next year.

The Treasury.—Although a large debt must be reported, study of the eight instructive exhibits which follow the financial report show that discouragement is not the right word. The increase of donations during a time of such financial depression is certainly not to be despised. Our large indebtedness is due in part to the falling off both in legacies and in the number of annuity bonds maturing. The exhibits also contain enlightenment for any who would know for what missionary money is expended, and in what proportions.

Through the Field Glass.

In a sweeping view we notice problems of deep import abroad, some reflected from the home land, others distinctively foreign. The increase of 10,559 in church membership among our missions in Asia and Africa is somewhat less than in either of the two remarkable years just past. This is due in the main to restrictions in the work beyond Kengtung, which in turn are chargeable to limitations in workers and means for evangelism. In Europe, on the other hand, there is a marked increase in the number of baptisms.

Unrest.—The chief question arising out of conditions on the field is that of the outcome of the prevailing spirit of national self-assertion. Though this has only in exceptional cases affected our missionaries, still it is not to be thought of as merely occasional or temporary. Neither is it cause for serious anxiety. The present sees the transitional stage to a higher fraternity, in which we shall still be able to aid the East if we go to it "with perfect love and fellowship as to those who are our equals in every respect."

Educational Problems.

The relation of missionary work to educational interests in the new world-life is recognized as of large importance. Problems in this connection in India, China and Japan are receiving earnest and careful study. In India the new regulations of the government are in line with the policy of the Union in emphasizing elementary education for the masses, the teachers being largely those trained in the mission schools. The teachers, outside of school duties, have proved helpful in evangelistic work. For the higher schools, teachers of specified qualifications together with increased equipment, are required by the new regulations. "It is service rather than recognition that is to be sought," therefore, whatever may be the ultimate outcome of educational effort in China, the one fact of true consequence recognized by the Committee is that the present era offers indubitable opportunity for a vast service to China, and to the world. The superficial work of the government schools, due to lack of preparation on the part of the teachers, presents our unparalleled opportunity. "Ours is the privilege to educate not only leaders of the churches but teachers for the national schools and leaders of the coming generations."

The Committee have in view plans for taking full advantage of the openings now presented in these countries, including the co-operation of Western universities in Christian education in China, and the opening of hostels in Japan and India. They hold strongly that "the work of our schools should be distinctly and thoroughly Christian."

The Message.—Nation-wide opportunities call forth a new scrutiny of the message which we are thus to sow broadcast. It must be the gospel of a living Christ, powerful to save, or it has no power to raise up Christian character.

Changes.—Some changes in foreign policies are meditated. Two general missionaries have been appointed in the East. Detailed account of the men and the work to which they are called was given in the "Magazine" for June. Other changes under consideration will be facilitated by the visit of the secretary in the foreign department to some of the Asiatic fields during the coming year.

Trophies in Burma.

The force in Burma was already inadequate. From it death has taken as noble a company as ever has been called from us in one year—Dr. Packer, Mrs. Sharp, Dr. Sutherland and Mr. Carson. Four families and the wife of another worker have been compelled to return to America in search of health. And in the place of these thus permanently or temporarily lost to the work, numbering fifteen all told, nine have been sent.

Though touring among the heathen has necessarily been limited; many have been won and more has been accomplished in conserving in the churches results already obtained, particularly in the important direction of self-support.

In the Schools.

In spite of drawbacks of plague and other sickness, the school work has been most encouraging. Two thousand more than last year have been under instruction, and the number of pupil-converts has seen more than proportionate increase. The grade of the schools is everywhere rising. The Burman Theological Seminary has increased its course to four years, with consequent additions to the staff; while Rangoon Baptist College, in view of growth in every

direction, is to be registered for courses leading to the degree of bachelor of arts. The cosmopolitan character of this, the only Christian college in Burma, is shown by the fact that instruction is given in seven languages.

In the station boarding schools the work has also prospered, many of them reporting baptisms. For example, at Bhamo twenty-three pupils have been baptized, while in one school at Bassein all thirty of the boarding pupils are Christians. Of the enlightenment among the Kachins, due to education, Mr. Hanson writes:

"The Kachins are beginning to be a reading people. What a change from thirteen years ago, when the Gospel of John was first seen in the new Kachin alphabet."

Reaching the Heathen.

There is a decided unrest on the part of many Buddhists and a dissatisfaction with much of the fundamental teaching and practise of Buddhism. Along with this there is a spirit of inquiry and a willingness to hear, read and consider the teachings of Christianity such as have never been known before among Buddhists. So writes Dr. Tilbe of the Burmans. The reports from the stations are most hopeful. At Thonze the number of baptisms shows a gain of fifty per cent over last year. For Myingyan Mr. Dudley reports "a year of substantial growth, due in large part to efficient native workers." Some helpful converts were won among the schoolboys. At Pyinmana the favor in which the missionaries are held came into evidence when an unjust proposal to tax mission property was protested alike by Buddhists, Mohammedans and Hindus.

The work still prospers among the Karens. At Rangoon the number of baptisms is but slightly below that of last year and Mr. Bushell writes from Moulmein: "The Spirit of God is certainly working in the hearts of the people of this mission." Through the efforts of a faithful old man who, without salary, but full of zeal for souls, "trudged over the mountains in search of the lost sheep," the first fruits of the Tounghthus, a tribe hitherto untouched, have been gathered in.

At Haka concerted prayer for fifty converts during the associational year was answered two months before the year ended. Work was more promising than ever before until the lamented death of Mr. Carson.

On Into Assam.

- "We seem to ourselves like soldiers whose ammunition is running short." In one station in Assam, one missionary and one evangelist are responsible for nearly 600,000 people, representing several races. Even greater than the need for missionaries is that for native helpers, concerning which Mr. Boggs, principal of the school at Jorhat, writes:

"The mass of the people are becoming more intelligent and can no longer be reached by illiterate or semi-illiterate preachers. We must have more preachers of education and training who can meet all classes of people and command their respect."

In this strategic field, the church membership has increased in twenty years from 842 to upwards of 9,000.

Workers have been saddened this year by the death of two greatly beloved comrades, Mrs. S. W. Rivenburg and Mrs. P. E. Moore.

Among the Tribes.

It will be hard work, writes one of the Assam missionaries, to bring unity of effort and uniformity in detail out of the ethnic and

linguistic chaos which obtains in this country. The Assamese race, numerically the largest in Assam, is, like the Burman race in Burma, seriously neglected. Work for them is carried on in connection with that for other races. At Sibsagor ten Assamese were baptized.

Agitation is now on foot for work among the Singphos, which would form a connecting link with Burma.

Of the Abors and Miris, for whom work has been opened at Sadiya, Mr. Jackman writes:

"Fear of Hindu religious teachers and of evil spirits holds them in a rigid slavery which nothing but God's power can break."

Here Dr. Kirby has found a great work ready to his hand, especially through the prevalence of cholera.

From Gauhati comes report of twenty-five Garos converted in a heathen village where a Christian teacher had lived supported by the women of the churches. Three Rabhas recently baptized at Goalpara give promise for a race which was apparently hopeless.

Revivals have been present at Nowgong and at Golaghat, the movement in the latter station being especially among the women. Impur has seen a large ingathering of Nagas. On one tour 115 were baptized. At Sibsagor about thirty caste Hindus have been baptized. One who died during the year had been one of the strongest Christians on the field. "It is such men," says Mr. Petrick, "who will Christianize India."

As to Students.

The educational commission of Assam has completed a difficult task in investigating the needs and conditions of a field where tribes and dialects are so numerous. The training school at Tura has lost slightly in attendance because of famine conditions. A system of graded scholarship has opened new possibilities for students who are in earnest. A new school house and dormitory have been erected at Impur, and the time seems to be ripe for grading the school. Government grants to the training school for Nagas at Kohima will provide a new school building and a dormitory. The Assam Valley Preachers' Training School at Jorhat is expanding in many directions. Industrial training has been introduced as a means of self-support, and Mr. Boggs plans to send groups of pupils to other stations to assist in building work. Pupils in the normal department receive Bible training, which proves very necessary when they are called upon in connection with their teaching to serve pastorless churches.

India's Conquest by Peace.

In that section of India for which Baptists are responsible, the Christian community of eight million constitutes about two per cent of the population. No further commentary is needed upon our duty there.

An After-Revival Year.

From most of the fields which were touched last year by the revival comes report of a resulting steady, quiet upbuilding of the churches. At Nellore the effect is most marked among the school girls. At Kurnool it appears in a new impulse toward self-support. The Church in Palmur has received a quickening of spiritual life, so that now all the members, even the smallest children, endeavor to take part in the prayer meetings. Nalgonda is reaping fruits of the revival, especially in an awakening among the Malas. At Suriapetta Christians have been newly inspired, and many heathen "have given up idols and accepted Christ." Of the effects in Donakonda, Mr.

Curtis writes: "The revival has brought definite improvement in village Christians, to be seen more in conduct and quiet reform than in statistics."

Education.

The gift of Dr. Clough's library proves a valuable aid to the college at Ongole, which is compelled by new educational regulations to extend its equipment in several ways. One of the greatest needs of the college is Christian teachers, to conserve the spiritual interests of the students. This, and the need of three missionary teachers for the Ramapatam Theological Seminary, are strongly urged by the South India Educational Commission, by whose recommendation also there has been created a permanent educational council for South India.

Of the seminary Mr. Elmore, who took charge in March, pending President Heinrich's return from furlough, speaks approvingly: "We have found the work in such excellent condition and such loyalty and helpfulness among the students and native faculty that our work has been in every way made easy for us."

A summer school was held at Ramapatam for the central and southern associations, with an attendance of sixty. The high school for boys at Nellore, in spite of opposition and inadequate accommodation, reports fair progress. From Allur Mr. Davis writes:

"There is much interest in Christ among the caste boys of the school, and they have carried the leaven into their homes, so that the word was never more readily received among the upper classes than now."

Kurnool is a prosperous center of education, containing three schools besides the high school. In one of the villages near Kurnool, a caste school was discontinued, the pupils coming in a body to the mission school. For the Kurnool high school the past year has been in many ways an eventful one. On March 27 was laid the corner stone of what is to be, through the gift of Dr. Coles and Miss Coles, of New York, "one of the finest high school buildings in South India."

As to the standard of instruction in our mission schools, the testimony of the government inspector regarding one of them is illustrative and significant: "The graded school at Bapatla is to be congratulated on leading the list with the excellent percentage of ninety-five."

Of the difficulties of establishing schools Mr. Huizinga says:

"Absolute ignorance, absolute poverty, absolute indifference, such are the odds against developing this branch of the work."

Notes of the Year.

From the Sudras, the large working class, come encouraging attention and interest. In many fields they gather in crowds to hear the gospel, and their children are coming in increasing numbers to the schools. Mr. Brock, of Kanigiri, writes that when touring he went first to the people of this caste in each village: "Night after night these Sudras heard our message just as long as we had the strength to talk to them. Many individuals told of their faith in Christ."

The industrial school at Ongole has been closed, and the Industrial Experiment Station has been established, which is described as "a place to find out reasons for the poverty of the people."

At Madras missionary work has been considerably hindered by the nationalistic agitation.

Our Outpost in Siam.

Our mission in Siam touches two races, the Chinese, many of whom come to Bangkok from Swatow, and the Peguans, a people allied to the Talains in Burma. Work is done largely through native pastors, and friendly relations are held with churches in South China. Our missionary, Dr. Adamsen, aside from his official position under the Siamese Government, conducts a general medical practice. With an associate, Dr. Braddock, he has done great service in the manufacture of vaccine for distribution among the people. Unfortunately no report was received from Siam this year.

The Strategic Moment for China.

"In former years," said a veteran London missionary at a meeting in Hanyang, "a walk up the three miles of the Yangtse River front to the east of Hanyang meant three miles of curses. It was 'foreign devil' all the way. To-day in coming to this meeting I did not hear a single curse, but a little girl came up to me and smiled in my face and said, 'Jesus, Jesus'. I felt glad in my spirit at the change. May it be a happy omen for the future."

The odds are with the missionary in many ways. Mr. Kemp writes:

"The completion of the Swatow and Chaochowfu railway in November of 1906 has greatly simplified the problem of evangelistic operations, both as to time and as to expense."

That these advantages have not been wasted, even with our limited forces, is evident in the considerable increase in the number of baptisms.

Education.

Educational problems in China, as elsewhere in our fields, are receiving concentrated attention. The number of students in our schools has largely increased.

South China rejoices in the completion of the new buildings for the Ashmore Theological Seminary. In East China the great educational event has been the laying of the corner-stone of Yates Hall, the central building of the union college at Shanghai. The sister institution, the Shanghai Baptist Theological Seminary, has been in full operation during the year.

The caliber of the students in our schools is well illustrated by the story of a graduate of Wayland Academy, told by Mr. Millard:

"Driven from home because of becoming a Christian, he sold fish on the street and brought his spare earnings to his parents, thus disarming their resentment. His mother is now a devoted Christian."

This young man will be a teacher at the academy for the present year, but purposes entering the ministry.

The various missions of West China have reached an almost ideal solution of one problem, in their plan for a union university at Chentu, each mission to found a college. The purchase of land has been authorized. This university will complete a system in which Monroe Academy at Suifu will form an important link.

An interesting contribution to education is made by Yachow in a new and up-to-date book store and reading room, which "is one of the many healthy centers of the progressive movements in China and is patronized by the upper class of Chinese."

Educational work in Central China is but just beginning. Plans are on foot for a girls' school and for an academy for boys.

Loss and Gain.

The medical force in China has suffered severe loss in the death of Dr. Bixby, Dr. Worley and Dr. Briton Corlies, the absence of Dr. J. S. Grant and Dr. Margaret Grant and the recent death of Mrs. Adkins.

A glance at some of the stations suggests a few of the opportunities, as well as problems, which our missionaries face in China.

Work at Kaying has advanced in spite of plague and an unrest, especially among the poorer people, on account of the special tax for education. The new chapel at Chaochowfu has given the gospel story to no less than 10,000 people since the thirtieth of last June. Of one occasion at Kityang when eleven converts were baptized, Mr. Speicher writes:

"The crowd that witnessed the baptismal service was enormous, but the ten preachers and the adherents were able to hold the people in check, and order was maintained. After the services much elementary preaching was done, informing the people as to the meaning of what they had seen."

The first of the Huchow literati to make profession of Christianity has been baptized, and others are following. The Hangchow church rejoices in its new pastor, one of the first three graduates of the Shaohsing Bible school, and "a man of considerable culture, with spiritual interest, maturity of character, executive ability and eloquence that make him a leader among Chinese preachers. He will do much to raise the idea of the ministry among our students." Ningyuenfu in its second year gives great promise. A little church was formed there after the baptism of ten converts.

In Step with Japan.

The famine in Japan revealed new world relations such as few other events have done. Contributions from the empress dowager of China, the king of Siam and merchants of India, besides the nations of Europe and America, gave such an expression of world-wide sympathy as was never known before.

By the arbitrary test of church membership, too, Christianity is gaining. In our own field last year's records show a gain of over 100 in number of baptisms, with a significant increase of about 1,500 in Sunday-school membership.

Among the Students.

The first international assemblage to meet in the Far East was the conference of the World's Student Christian Federation in Tokyo, April 3-7, 1907. It was composed in large degree of "orientals by whose grandparents the name of Christ was never uttered unless in contempt." Large ingatherings of students into the churches followed this conference.

The number of students for the ministry in our Baptist seminary at Yokohama has doubled within the year. President Dearing writes that he sometimes finds it necessary to check the students in outside evangelistic work, but never to urge them to greater activity. A Japanese friend of the school has said, "Our graduates are united in exerting a certain strong Christian spirit which is a peculiarity of this school."

Duncan Baptist Academy has received a new mark of government favor in timely permission to increase the number of students. Four pupils were baptized during the year.

Signs of Cheer.

The Yokohama church reports the largest membership and greatest number of baptisms in its history. The home missionary society has taken on new life, and Rev. Inosuke Ide has been engaged as its first missionary, to go to Nagoya.

Tokyo has been interested in the building of the Central Tabernacle, designed to serve as a center of wide-reaching influence in many forms.

Mr. Thomson, of Kobe, writes that the year has been one "full to the utmost of activity and full of blessings." The Kobe church continues self-supporting, and in the most delightfully fraternal relations with the missionary. At Hiogo the preaching place has had to be enlarged to accommodate the people who come.

In Shimonoseki and Chofu special evangelistic services have been held with rich results. A typical incident is given by Mr. Hill:

"One man went away one night under evident conviction, canceling a previous engagement in order to meet one of the evangelists at his room. Next day when the hour arrived he was there, and yielded himself to the Lord and in the evening meeting made his confession. The following night he brought his father, who also was converted."

Much has been accomplished at Morioka through the agency of the missionary's home as a social center, where many could be reached who would not come to a church.

The work on the Inland Sea goes steadily on. Captain Bickel's fascinating report was given nearly in full in the June "Magazine."

Himeji and Kyoto have been made separate stations.

Ministering in Africa.

Our missionaries on the Congo labor under many perplexing difficulties. At Sona Bata, for example, the orphanage maintained by Mr. Frederickson cannot be continued without a license from the government, which is to be obtained only under such an unjust law that our missionaries are unwilling thus to endorse it. If the license is obtained, the expense will be greater than the Union is in position to bear, but if it is not, the schools in the outlying districts also must be abandoned, thus involving the immediate welfare of 450 children and youth.

The United Conference of Protestant Missionary Societies of the Congo State declares that "as a whole the condition of the natives of the Congo Independent State is still unutterably deplorable." Our missionary, Mr. Metzger, with our vessel the "Henry Reed," was of service in carrying the consular representative of our country to remote sections of the upper Congo region to conduct his investigations. Mr. Clark, of Ikoko, has also been able, through addresses in the home land, to exert great influence for reform.

Teaching Africa.

The Congo Evangelical Training Institution at Kimpesi is as nearly a reality as it can be made by a board of trustees, a faculty, a plot of ground and the beginning of buildings thereon. In this institution the Baptist Missionary Society of England co-operates with the Union. The Lower Congo Training School, already doing excellent work, will be merged in the new institution.

"A better understanding of the value of education" is one of this year's acquisitions at Banza Mant'ke. The government now requires each village chief to furnish a clerk to assist in collecting taxes. This has driven some hostile chiefs to the mission for teach-

ers, and wherever teachers go, the gospel is preached. The people show an increasing hunger for books.

At Mukimvika, which is in Portuguese territory, colonial officials have insisted that teaching be in Portuguese. This is a great hindrance, because if taught to speak Portuguese the graduates are pressed into government service and lost to the mission.

Among the Churches.

Mr. Hall writes from Palabala that at one station "a chief brought out his fetish, and placing a keg of gunpowder beside the idol threatened to kill him (the fetish) if he allowed us to take away his people." Despite his threats a gratifying increase in baptisms is reported.

From the unhealthy situation of Kifwa our station has been removed to Sona Bata. Touring has been handicapped by the disaffection of some of the native workers, arising from the inability of the missionaries to right their grievances with the government.

In touring about Tshumbiri, Mr. Billington has made use of the monocycle, which is fast taking the place of the hammock. Of the change in these villages in a few years he writes:

"On our first visit our coming was a sign for the women and children to run to the woods and for the men to look to their guns, but now we hear some singing, 'Jesus loves me,' as they work in their gardens; those left in the villages make haste to come out and welcome us, and during our stay our time is taken up in speaking with those who are asking about the good way."

The Philippines.

Notwithstanding the difficulty of manning the posts, due to the fact that the climate is so trying that missionaries can serve but a short period at a time, forces have been put into play in the Philippines which will inevitably change the very heart of Visayan society.

Education.

Early in the year land was purchased in Iloilo as a site for a Bible school for the training of Christian workers. Mr. Lund is to be principal.

The Jaro Industrial School, which in the absence of Mr. Valentine has been in Mr. Maxfield's charge, has surpassed all expectations. The attendance has increased to 176 regular pupils. Carpentry, shoe making, telegraphy and agriculture are the main industries taught. By the enthusiasm of the Filipino boys, who are usually repelled by any form of manual labor, we may judge that the effect is most wholesome. A number of the older boys worked during their vacation on the Press building, and seemed proud of their ability to earn regular wages. Thirty-seven of the boys have been baptized during the year, and some have rendered service as evangelists during their vacation.

At Bacolod good results have been gained from two dormitories opened for the accommodation of students in the government industrial school and high school. A considerable number of these boys have joined a class in the life of Christ.

A training school for young women is soon to be established in Jaro under the charge of Miss Bissinger.

The number of pupils in our schools in the Philippines is reported as three times the number last year.

Mr. Lund, besides his service in the Bible institute, has done notable work in translation. Manuscripts in Panayan, Cebuan and Samarenyo, Tagalog, Spanish and Ilocano are awaiting the completion of the new Press plant.

Medical Work.

Of the influence of medical work in the Philippines, Dr. Steinmetz writes:

"The quiet, disinterested solicitude for the sick, the patient instruction of the ignorant in the commonplace necessities of cleanliness and order have won from some of the most radical antagonists to Protestantism such expressions as 'even the Catholics do not do that for the poor people.'"

In Iloilo, union with the Presbyterian mission in medical work is contemplated. This arrangement will solve the problem of medical equipment in this field. Funds for the Capiz hospital, for which Dr. Lerrigo has long pleaded, have been secured through the tireless efforts of Mr. Robbins while at home on furlough.

Work of the Churches.

An innovation in the work on Panay Island is the use of a small native boat, which is loaded with Bibles and other literature and sent out among the smaller islands, managed by three converted sailors who asked this privilege and bore no light share in the cost of the vessel.

For the barrio district Mr. Briggs reports two new churches organized and 170 converts baptized. The preachers ordained during the year have shown a new sense of responsibility and such wisdom, firmness and Christian love as have justified the step taken in ordaining them. In Capiz "an unwavering purpose for good on the part of the members of the church is conquering the prejudice of the people." The mountain work here gives peculiar promise.

Our European Allies.

Our representatives in Europe tell of prejudices yielding and a way opened for progress. Nearly 10,000 were baptized last year, a worthy gain over the 7,000 of the year before.

France.—Rev. H. P. McCormick, our new general missionary to France and Spain, writes:

"There would seem to be greater reason for hopefulness and enlarged effort to-day than ever before. The old prejudice against the Baptists, born of ignorance and fear, has been overcome. The soundness of their principles and the strength, dignity and depth of their organization are generally conceded. They believe that God has given them the only guide to solution of surging moral problems in France and they are girding themselves for greater things."

A need felt among French-speaking Christians was met by an interdenominational summer Bible school held at Chexbres in French Switzerland in August and September.

Germany.—Societies of young men and women form an encouraging feature of progress in the churches of the German Baptist Union. The Zenana Missionary Committee now supports thirteen Bible women in South India. Churches in Hungary have become reconciled after long dissension.

Sweden.—Multitudes are turning from the formalism of the established church, yet shrink from extremes of rationalism. To these, Baptists are welcome. The churches show no marked revival, but a steady ingathering slightly exceeding that of last year. Bethel Seminary in Stockholm has forty-nine students. One graduate has gone as a missionary to China.

Spain.—The young people, repelled by the type of life with which Spanish Catholicism has made them familiar, “do not want anything to do with religion.” Among the devices tried by Mr. Marin to obtain and hold their interest have been a singing class and an evening school, the latter having kept up all through the winter with seventeen students.

Russia and Finland.—“The situation resolves itself into a Baptist opportunity,” writes Mr. Heinrichs, who visited Russia last summer. “There is no government opposition to the spread of Christianity or the establishment of Baptist churches. The only opposition is from the Russian priests.” The churches have suffered much through political agitation and emigration. The outstanding need is for institutions for the training of ministers and leaders. Baron Uxkull has spent the greater part of the year in America securing funds for a Baptist theological seminary, and a little more than half of the sum sought has been raised. As a first step, a school has been opened at Lodz in Russian Poland.

In Finland also the need of pastors is great. The churches are growing in strength and spirituality, in spite of the fact that “political conditions, with many societies and clubs and meetings, absorb the time and interest of all, and socialism, coupled with indifference, infidelity and opens atheism, is spreading widely.”

Denmark.—A suggestive incident is the voluntary publication by two Lutheran laymen of a tract defending the Baptists against an attack made upon them in a Lutheran journal. Copies of the tract were sent to a thousand Lutheran clergymen.

Summer tent campaigns have proved a successful innovation. Four large tents were used and many villages reached.

Norway.—“A good year” is the keynote of the report. Plans are on foot for the devotion of the Christiania church building, which is soon to be cleared of debt, to the uses of a theological school. Church membership in Norway numbers well above 3,000. Four new chapels have been built and a larger number baptized than for several years past. Several churches in the southern district have experienced revivals.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Europe and Heathen Lands.

Total missionaries	615
Total native workers	7,487
Total organized churches	2,465
Churches entirely self-supporting	1,277
Total places for regular meetings	3,849
Church members	279,439
Added by baptism during the year	20,346
Sunday schools	3,876
Total enrolled Sunday-school membership	167,742
Theological seminaries and training schools.....	23
Pupils in seminaries and training schools	1,161
Colleges	2
Pupils pursuing studies of college grade	61
High schools	10
Pupils in high schools	1,379
Total schools of all grades	1,829
Total under instruction	56,171
Pupils preparing for the ministry	761

Pupils uniting with church during year	1,342
Fees paid by pupils	\$ 62,034
Government grants to schools	\$ 66,582
Native contributions for church expenses (in heathen lands \$29,550)	\$580,183
Native contributions for benevolence (in heathen lands \$20,134)	\$ 30,487
Total native contributions	\$676,490
Hospitals	18
Number treatments given out-patients	142,884
Dispensaries	29

Receipts Classified.**Donations:**

Churches, individuals, Sunday- schools and young people's societies, not including "spec- ifics"	\$458,102.12	
Bible Day Collection	821.44	
		\$458,923.56
Legacies		58,655.16
Income of Funds		35,718.27
Annuity Bonds Matured.....		16,400.00
(A) Total receipts available for general uses		\$569,696.99
Specifics received in America....	\$ 16,233.20	
Specifics reported as received and used on field	20,145.80	
		\$ 36,379.00
Income of Annuity Bonds		19,449.56
For specific property needs.....		94,590.23
Arthington Trust		3,177.92
Woman's Societies:		
East	\$132,423.62	
West	51,785.29	
		\$184,208.91
(B) Total receipts involving cor- responding outlay for fixed items		\$337,805.62
Receipts		\$907,502.61
Added to Permanent Funds.....		26,931.38
Total Receipts		\$934,433.99

General Summary of Payments.**The Missions:**

In Europe	\$ 37,530.06	
In Asia and Africa (including from Property Account)	\$94,590.23	797,549.89
		\$ 835,079.95
Literature		15,720.54
District Secretaries and Agencies		43,288.35
Executive Officers, including office expenses		32,078.84
General Expense		24,038.22

Homes for Missionaries' Children:	
Newton (Judson Home)	\$ 1,475.29
Morgan Park	3,838.82
Granville (Taxes)	13.58
	\$ 5,327.69
Balance of Interest Account	4,663.88
Interest on Annuities	24,705.29
Total Appropriations	\$ 984,902.76
Added to Permanent Fund	26,931.38
Total Payments	\$1,011,834.14

(39.) The Eighty-fourth Annual Report of the American Baptist Publication Society was then presented by A. J. Rowland, Corresponding Secretary, to the Convention for its consideration, in accordance with action previously taken. (See Report of Executive Committee, Section 4, item 9; and action recorded in items 13-16).

ABSTRACT OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The past year has been, in some respects, one of the most eventful in our entire history. New departures made, and new responsibilities assumed, touch the life of the entire denomination. The work in all departments has been pushed with utmost vigor.

The New Building.

Our new building, northwest corner of Seventeenth and Chestnut Streets, we expect to enter early in June. It is seven stories in height, of the best steel construction, with granite walls to the second floor, and light bricks and terra cotta from the second to the seventh floors. It is fitted with every modern appliance. The first floor and basement will be occupied by our Retail Departments. On the second floor will be the Executive and Editorial offices; a Hall seating about two hundred and fifty persons; and opening into it, a room for the meetings of the Board, and other organizations. The five upper floors are for rent. A large number of offices on these floors have already been taken. The building, fully completed and furnished, will cost about \$190,000, making the entire cost of the lot and building about \$400,000. The name of the new structure will be the Roger Williams Building.

Enlargements and Improvements in the Printing House.

The great increase in our publishing work has compelled us to enlarge the equipment of our Printing House. We have purchased and installed a new Cottrell Rotary Press at a cost of \$18,000; also two new Mergenthaler Linotype Machines at an expense of \$7,200. In the electrotyping department we have improved the machinery already in use, and have added several new machines.

The Transfer of the Business Department of the B. Y. P. U. of A.

One of the most important events of the year has been our purchase of the assets and good will of the B. Y. P. U. of A., and our assumption of its publishing work. We agreed to pay that organiza-

tion \$20,000 for the papers, books, and other merchandise belonging to or controlled by it, and assumed the publication of the periodicals, books, pamphlets, lesson courses, etc., hitherto published by the Union, with the understanding that we supply the Union with all matter so published at lowest publishers' rates, and give it, for the present, a sum equal to twenty per cent. of the net profits on the publications and merchandise so transferred, this percentage to be increased when the Society shall have been reimbursed for its investment. The arrangement took effect January 1, 1908, though the Society did not issue "Service" and "Our Juniors" until March, 1908. The transfer will, we trust, strengthen the B. Y. P. U. of A., and give it a new lease of life. It will be our constant endeavor to co-operate with it in every way, and to lend it all our facilities to make its work more effective. The fact that we publish its periodicals and books will not make it less national or international.

The National Teacher-Training Institute.

The National Teacher-Training Institute made rapid and most satisfactory growth during the year. On account of the necessity of much preparatory work, the Institute did not begin actual operations until October, 1907, when the first of a series of Text-books was issued. Since that time two more Text-books have been published, and thousands of Sunday-school teachers are now studying them. From the reception given the Institute, it seems certain that at no distant date many thousands of Baptist Sunday-school teachers will be fitting themselves worthily for their great work by the study of its Text-books.

Two Steps in Co-ordination.

The necessity for better co-ordination of the work of the denomination has long been felt. During the past year two steps have been taken by your Board by which such co-ordination has been secured.

The first is the publication of a children's missionary paper, entitled "World-Wide," the first number of which was issued in January, 1908. It came into existence after repeated conferences and much correspondence with the representatives of various Foreign and Home Mission Societies. The Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society agreed to discontinue "Around the World," and to transfer its list to the Publication Society. The American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the various Woman's Societies, Home and Foreign, pledged their cordial co-operation in the new venture. All general Baptist missionary organizations are expected to furnish matter for, and are represented in the columns of "World-Wide." It now has nearly twenty-five thousand subscribers.

The other step was in connection with the Baptist Forward Movement. In this Movement, which includes all the general missionary organizations, home and foreign, with headquarters in the Northern States, the Publication Society will co-operate to the fullest extent. It will "carry the mission study literature of the societies, for which a charge is made, and will be the chief agent for the publication of all such literature for Sunday-schools as shall be recommended for publication by the Forward Movement Committee. The Publication Society will also place at the disposal of the Movement its facilities for getting access to Sunday-school officers."

This plan co-ordinates the work of the various Missionary Societies so far as missionary education in Sunday-schools and Young

People's Societies is concerned, and unifies the publication and distribution of the material required. In connection with "World-Wide," "Service," and "Our Juniors," the Forward Movement in missionary education rounds out a splendid scheme for giving our young people information and instruction in all phases of missionary work. We greatly rejoice that we have so large a place in carrying out the plans proposed, and heartily pledge ourselves to utmost endeavor to secure for the Movement the widest and largest success.

Some Business Considerations.

In justice to the Publishing Department it is proper to review the services which it renders the denomination without profit, or at an actual loss.

First. The heaviest expense borne by this Department is that of maintaining Branch Houses in sections of the country where the Baptist constituency is not large enough or interested enough to make them profitable. We have always had to bear heavy deficits incurred by some of these Branches. Their maintenance, however, has seemed necessary in order to build up Baptist interests in their localities. During the year we expended \$6,192.42 in bettering the equipment of these Branches and the addition of new fixtures to give them the best facilities for serving their respective constituencies. The expenses at these five Branches for the year increased over \$10,000.

Second. The Publishing Department bears all the administrative, office, and shipping expenses of the Missionary Department, amounting to nearly \$10,000 annually.

Third. The Publishing Department bears the entire cost of the National Teacher-Training Institute, amounting to at least \$3,000 yearly.

Fourth. The Publishing Department assumed the burden of publishing the periodicals, books, and general supplies of the Baptist Young People's Union of America at an initial outlay of \$20,000 and with all the risks involved.

Fifth. The Publishing Department publishes the "Baptist Year-Book" at an average annual loss of \$1,000.

Sixth. The Publishing Department bears all losses, and they are not trifling, on all books and pamphlets of a purely denominational character which it seems wise to issue in order to properly disseminate our doctrines.

All told, the Publishing Department gives to the denomination at least \$30,000 yearly—a sum equal to about five per cent of our business and constituting in itself as much as some lines of business pay in dividends.

Relations with the Northern Baptist Convention.

During the past year your Board has, through committees, held conferences with similar committees representing other Societies, and the Executive Committee of the Convention, with reference to the relations of the Societies to the Convention. The action taken by these committees has been heartily approved by your Board. We also approve the appointment of a committee of twenty-one whose duty it shall be to define the permanent relations of the Societies to the Convention. We recommend to the Society the submission of this and succeeding Annual Reports of the Board to the Convention for its consideration, with the understanding that in accordance with its charter rights and privileges any action taken by the Convention affecting the Society shall not be binding unless

ratified by the Society itself at a subsequent meeting. We wish to make it a matter of record that for years we have approved the Convention idea. Our General Secretary made the first public suggestion in that direction in Buffalo, in 1902, and advocated the formation of the Convention in an address at Washington, D. C., last year.

The Results of the Year's Work.

The aggregate receipts from sales in the Publishing Department for the year were \$725,978.40; merchandise, \$376,678.36; periodicals, \$349,300.04. Last year the aggregate receipts in this department were \$664,695.65; merchandise, \$318,840.25; periodicals, \$315,855.40, showing an increase of \$61,282.75.

In the Missionary Department the receipts from churches, Sunday-schools, individuals, incomes from invested funds, bequests, etc., were \$136,895.50. Last year they were \$135,650.21. The deficit in this department last year was \$27,804.87. This year it is \$30,083.85, showing an increase of \$2,278.98.

For Bible work we have received from all sources \$9,032.44. Last year the amount received was \$11,075.91, showing a decrease of \$2,043.47. The entire amount coming into the Missionary treasury, not counting the expenses paid by the Publishing Department, is therefore \$145,927.94. In addition to this sum we have received during the year permanent and annuity funds amounting to \$27,220.73. The total amount received in all departments from all regular sources during the year is \$952,377.05, an increase over the previous year of \$85,626.70.

Publications.

We have been able during the year to complete the new edition in three volumes of Dr. A. H. Strong's "Systematic Theology." Price, \$2.50 net per volume, postpaid.

In the two works, "Christian Agnosticism," the posthumous work of Dr. E. H. Johnson (90 cents net, postpaid), and "The Formation of the New Testament," by Dr. Geo. H. Ferris (90 cents net, postpaid), we have books calculated to suggest thought and awaken queries.

In "The Axioms of Religion," by Pres. E. Y. Mullins, the Society has brought out a book worthy of the attention of all in our denomination who desire to know the bases on which it rests. It is a fresh statement of an old theme.

In "The Morning Hour of American Baptist Missions," by Dr. A. L. Vail (\$1.25 net, postpaid), we have a work scarcely less important, and no less fresh and vigorous in treatment.

The books connected with the National Teacher-Training Institute, and edited by Rev. H. T. Musselman, have been received with marked approval. About five thousand copies of the first volume, "The Sunday-School Teacher's Bible" (price, boards, 40 cents net, postpaid; paper, 25 cents, postpaid), have been sold.

With unusual gratification we announce the practical completion of the Revision of the Old Testament, begun by the American Bible Union under the superintendency of Dr. T. J. Conant, to which reference is elsewhere made in this Report. The book is not yet out, but it is all in type.

Anticipating the demand that we keep step with the march of modern thought, and recognizing the call for short, crisp discussions of important topics, the Society has arranged for a series of pamphlets on current-day questions, the publication of which, it is anticipated, will begin early in the coming year. Such men as President Faunce,

Doctor Mullins, Doctor Bitting, Doctor Ferris, Doctor Batten, with others equally worthy, have consented to contribute to this series.

We are also glad to be able to announce a series of boys' books from the pen of Prof. E. J. Houston. Few writers for boys are more welcomed by them than is he. The three volumes of the Pacific Series, as he calls it, we are sure will meet with a welcome reception. The Pacific Ocean just now is the center of interest, and these books will enlarge the public knowledge concerning it. The titles in this series are "Five Months on a Derelict," "Wrecked on a Coral Island," "In Captivity in the Pacific."

A list of other publications of the year follows:

- The Mature Man's Difficulties with His Bible. By D. W. Faunce, D.D. 16mo, 200 pp. Price, 75 cents net, postpaid.
 Christ and Buddha. By J. N. Cushing, D.D. With an Appreciation by Henry M. King, D.D. 16mo, 160 pp. Price, 60 cents net, postpaid.
 Christian Epoch-Makers. By Prof. Henry C. Vedder, D.D. 12mo, 416 pp. Price, \$1.50 net, postpaid.
 How Does the Death of Christ Save Us? By Henry C. Mabie, D.D. 16mo, 160 pp. Price, 50 cents net, postpaid.
 The Divine Right of Missions. By Henry C. Mabie, D.D. 16mo, 160 pp. Price, 50 cents net, postpaid.

Sermons.

- Advent and Other Sermons. By Robert Stuart MacArthur, D.D., LL.D. 12mo, 285 pp. Price, \$1.25 net, postpaid.
 The Christic Reign. By Robert Stuart MacArthur, D.D., LL.D. 12mo. Price, \$1.25 net, postpaid.
 Life's To-Morrows. By Junius W. Millard, D.D. 12mo, 128 pp. Price, 75 cents net, postpaid.

Current Fiction.

- The Fruit of the Desert. By Rev. E. T. Tomlinson, Ph.D. 12mo, 324 pp. Illustrated. Price, \$1.25.
 Gail Weston. By Mrs. S. R. Graham Clark. 12mo, 431 pp. Illustrated. Price, \$1.25.
 A Sheaf of Happy Holidays. By Mrs. Caroline Starr Morgan. 16mo, 213 pp. Illustrated by pen and ink drawings. Price 75 cents net, postpaid.
 Beautiful Joe. By Marshall Saunders. A new illustrated edition. 12mo, 399 pp. Price, \$1.25.
 Elder Boise. By Everett T. Tomlinson, Ph.D. 12mo, 403 pp. Price, 50 cents net; postage, 10 cents extra.

Smaller Works of Importance.

- Health and Happiness. By Robert Maxwell Harbin, A.B., M.D. 16mo, 180 pp. Price, probably \$1.00.
 The Book of Jehovah. By Chas. A. Keyser. 12mo, 80 pp. Price, 50 cents net; postage, 6 cents extra.
 That Blessed Hope. By David Heagle, D.D., Ph.D. 12mo, 176 pp. Price, 75 cents net, postpaid.
 The Boy Jesus. By Cortland Myers, D.D. 12mo, 80 pp. Illustrated from celebrated paintings. Price, 60 cents net, postpaid.

The National Teacher-Training Institute Text-Books:

- The Sunday-School Teacher's Bible. 16mo, 150 pp. Price, boards, 40 cents net, postpaid; paper, 25 cents net, postpaid.

- The Sunday-School Teacher's Pupils. 16mo, 160 pp. Price, boards, 40 cents net, postpaid; paper, 25 cents net, postpaid.
 The Sunday-School Teacher's Pedagogy. 16mo, 160 pp. Price, boards, 40 cents net, postpaid; paper, 25 cents net, postpaid.
 Systematic Supplementary Bible Studies. By Mr. Jas. L. Rand. 16mo, 24 and 32 pp. In three Volumes. Price, each, 10 cents; or as parties may wish in one Volume, price 25 cents.

Important Pamphlets.

- Baptist Opportunity. By Prof. W. O. Carver. 16mo, 77 pp. Price, 15 cents net, postpaid.
 Some of the Reasons Why I Cannot Accept the Results of the Destructive Criticism of the Old Testament. By Wayland Hoyt, D.D. 16mo, 32 pp. Price 10 cents net, postpaid.
 Bible Briefs. By Rev. W. H. Hubbard. 16mo, 52 pp. Price, 10 cents, postage extra.
 Three Important Movements. By W. A. Stanton, D.D. 16mo, 48 pp. Paper covers. Price, 10 cents net, postpaid.
 The Life Line. By W. C. Tallant. 16mo, 28 pp.
 The Helping Hand. By W. H. Hamilton, D.D. 24mo, 120 pp. Vest pocket Edition. Price, in leather, 25 cents net; in paper, 10 cents net, postpaid.
 The Important Question. By G. F. Wilkin. 18mo, 4 pp.

Miscellaneous.

- The Denominational Life and the Publication Society. By W. H. Geistweit, D.D. 16mo, 8 pp.
 Praise and Service. By Chas. H. Gabriel. Octavo, 120 numbers. Price, 30 cents, postpaid; \$25.00 per 100; express extra.
 The Baptist Year-Book. Octavo, 276 pp. Price, 50 cents, net; postage, 6 cents extra.
 The Annual Report. Octavo, 98 pp. For gratuitous distribution.
 Baptists and Jamestown. 16mo, 16 pp. For gratuitous distribution.
 Fallacies of the Modern Priesthood. By Rev. J. C. Andrews. 18mo, 8 pp. Price, 2 cents.

Tracts.

- The Law of the Tenth. By Rev. Boardman B. Bosworth. 24mo, 16 pp. Price, 3 cents.
 Why Should a Christian Join Church? By Alvah J. Brasted. 18mo, 12 pp. Price, 3 cents.

ON TEMPERANCE.

- The Truth Concerning the Army Canteen. 18mo, 4 pp.
 The Church to the Rescue. 18mo, 4 pp.
 The Social Aspect of the Liquor Question. 18mo, 4 pp. All by Hervey Wood, D.D. Price, 2 cents each.

ITALIAN.

- Abbasso I Protestanti. (Down with Protestants.) By Rev. A. Di Domenica. 16mo, 32 pp. Price, 5 cents.

SPANISH.

- The Bible and Offerings.
 Daily Bread for the Soul.
 Is the Mother of Jesus Immaculate or Not?
 You Protestant.
 18mo. Price, 3 cents each.

Reprints.

- Baptist Layman's Book. 16mo, 180 pp. The Phoenix Series. Price, 25 cents net; postage, 6 cents extra.
- Meaning and Use of Baptizein. By T. J. Conant, D.D. The Light and Truth Series. Octavo, 172 pp. Price, 50 cents; postage, 8 cents extra.
- All that can be known of the use of the Greek word "Baptizein" is to be found in this study by Doctor Conant.
- Robert Raikes and Early Sunday-School History. 16mo, 180 pp. Price, 25 cents net; postage, 5 cents. Volume I, Twentieth Century Sunday-School Series.
- The Reign of Grace. By Abraham Booth. The Phoenix Series. 12mo, 316 pp. Price, 25 cents net; postage, 5 cents.
- The Papal System. By William Cathcart, D.D. The Light and Truth Series. Octavo, 478 pp. Price, 50 cents net.
- Wealth, Its Acquisition and Use. A manual for youth. The Phoenix Series. By Franklin Wilson. Price, 25 cents net; postage, 5 cents.

Periodicals.

With respect to periodical issues, the past year has been in several particulars the most marked in our history. The aggregate gross output, while showing a substantial increase over the previous year, has not attained the high water mark of increase recorded for the year 1907. But the number of periodicals now bearing the imprint of the Society has increased beyond that of any previous single year.

Summary.

	Average Issue.	Total Issue during the year
Our Little Ones, weekly.....	171,114	8,897,950
Bible Lessons, weekly	99,407	5,169,200
Picture Lessons, weekly	240,694	12,516,114
Barnens Tidning, weekly	8,370	435,205
Youth's World, weekly	128,003	6,656,150
Young People, weekly	152,500	7,930,000
Junior Lessons, weekly	24,886	1,294,100
Primary Lessons, weekly	20,700	1,076,400
Beginners' Lesson Pictures, weekly	2,500	32,500
Young Reaper, semi-monthly	17,625	423,240
Baptist Teacher, monthly	68,741	824,900
The Superintendent, monthly	5,297	63,570
Good Work, monthly	1,675	20,110
World-Wide, monthly	25,000	75,000
Service, monthly	19,000	57,000
Our Juniors, monthly	8,500	25,500
Senior Quarterly, quarterly	139,194	556,776
Advanced Quarterly, quarterly	434,581	1,738,325
Junior Quarterly, quarterly	257,250	1,029,000
Primary Quarterly, quarterly	249,000	996,000
Senior Home Dep't Quarterly, quarterly.....	34,470	137,882
Advanced Home Dep't Quarterly, quarterly...	30,056	120,225
Our Story Quarterly, quarterly	38,446	153,770
The Adult Class, quarterly	8,645	34,580
Bible Lesson Pictures (Clusters), quarterly....	5,239	20,957
	2,190,893	50,284,454

THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

We are glad to report a glad welcome extended to all our missionaries; and earnest pleas in many parts of the country for extension of the work. Our only limitation is our resources to multiply the workers. High praises have been given to the Society for the class of men in its employ—many of whom are experts in their line. On account of the deficit in our funds we have not undertaken much new work; but we have entered several new fields because not to do so was to discount the whole future operations of the Society in these fields.

Sunday-Schools.

The Society has always realized the importance of work with childhood and youth, and used its best efforts to bring them under the instruction of the Bible. It has not only aided churches by gifts and men to gather and enlarge their own schools—many of them have been doubled through the effort of its missionaries—but it is constantly gathering the scattered children, who have no home instruction, and organizing mission schools, which have been most fruitful in saving these young people. The greatness of this work appears in the fact that it plants on the average over three hundred new schools every year; it has planted to 1907, fourteen thousand one hundred and ninety-seven schools. It has also assisted in the organization of many conventions, associations, and committees which have come to be permanent forces in Sunday-school work. Several of our missionaries have given courses of lectures in our theological seminaries on Sunday-school work. The Society would most heartily endorse the movement to have in each seminary a professor on Sunday-school work.

Colportage.

The way to reach people is to go where they are—that is what colportage means. The way of the colporter is the quiet, unpretentious, and yet forcible way of bringing the gospel to the business and bosoms of the people. It is a scriptural, successful and economical method of doing church work. We record with joy the fact that nearly half a million persons have been reached personally in a year by our workers. The wagons have grown in number each year. We report two new ones this year. One, sent into Maine, co-operating with the Maine State Convention, is a memorial gift by the family of Hon. Robert O. Fuller, the partial support of the colporter being assumed by a noble Christian woman who has heretofore invested largely in the Society's work. The second wagon—the complete outfit—horses and harness, as well as the support of the man, is also a gift of a noble Christian layman who pronounces this “a wise investment.” This wagon goes into New Mexico. Though we have reached No. 57, these wagons should be continually multiplied.

The colporters are reaching our foreign population. We carry the gospel to the Poles, Italians, Germans, French, Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, Chinese, Japanese, Hungarians, Russians, and Slavs. We have entered into co-operative work with the New York City Mission Society in the support of a missionary among the Slovaks in New York City. The work presses upon us and abundant opportunity is afforded; we only await funds to enlarge it.

Chapel Cars.

This unique work goes forward with renewed vigor. No accident of any serious nature has occurred on any car in the sixteen

years they have been in motion. The cars now co-operate with the State Convention Boards in the States where they are working. Utmost harmony prevails. This past year scores have been converted, churches have been quickened, and whole towns have been transformed. We note especially the work of "Emmanuel," under the care of Rev. E. R. Hermiston and wife, on the Pacific Coast. God has wonderfully crowned their work. "Evangel" was transferred from Indian Territory to Kansas, where J. S. Thomas and wife are reaping daily a harvest of souls. Rev. L. A. Drumwright was appointed in September to take charge of "Glad Tidings," from which Rev. J. W. White was called to the service of our Home Mission Society. This car is in Nebraska. Rev. J. S. Davis was appointed to take charge of "Messenger of Peace" in August; this car remains in Missouri. "Herald of Hope" was transferred from Michigan, where it has remained since it was dedicated, to Illinois, and Rev. Walter J. Sparks appointed the missionary. Rev. J. S. Fretz having retired from "Good Will," the Rev. L. T. Barkman and wife have been appointed to succeed him, and are now doing efficient work in Colorado.

The recent statistics in the car work are:

Churches organized	153
Meeting houses built	126
Pastors settled	163
Bible schools organized	26
Baptisms	5,948

About fourteen thousand persons have professed conversion through Chapel-car work.

After careful consideration it has been decided to release Boston W. Smith from the general management of the Chapel-car work and commit it to the Missionary Secretary. "Uncle Boston" continues his close relations with the cars in lecturing and soliciting funds for their support. His attention is especially turned to the work of a Children's Evangelist, in which field he has no superior.

Bible Work.

We continue the Bible Work which has been intrusted to us and are circulating the Word throughout our own land and in the islands of the sea. We are concerned to give the Bible to the foreigners who are crowding our shores. The four Gospels have been put into Italian under the title "What Jesus Teaches," and have been issued from our press. What has been done for the Spanish and Italian people should be done for other nationalities. There is a special need among the Slavic people.

We rejoice over the gift of \$20,000 as a Bible Fund, in the will of the late Mrs. Sarah A. Trevor, of Philadelphia; we grieve over the fact that for a series of years the funds from Bible Day have grown less. We carry on the work because of the gifts of the dead. The living should awake to their responsibility. Baptists who thoroughly believe in an open Bible for the world should aid in giving it to the needy. While we recognize the great work of the American Bible Society, Baptists should not allow that Society to do work which they themselves should do, and in many instances must do, if we circulate the true version of the Bible.

Grants.

We continue to give with a liberal hand to those who are most needy, and, as heretofore, have denied none who are worthy. This year several of the funds have been overdrawn; showing that the de-

mands in certain directions exceed our ability to supply. There are many needy churches and missions that ask for the gift of hymn books. We hope some one will create an adequate Hymn Book Fund. We again plead also for the establishment of a Student's Book Fund. There are very many struggling students in our colleges and seminaries who would be greatly encouraged through the gift of needed books while they are in preparation for the ministry. All gifts of the Society are made out of funds which have been specially provided for this specific purpose. No gifts are made from funds donated for missionary purposes.

Table of Missionary Work.

	For the year 1907-1908.	From beginning.
Number of Missionaries and Workers.....	133	5,029
Days of Service	36,123	695,523
Books Sold	38,892	1,035,256
Books Given Away	3,453	197,995
Pages of Tracts Distributed	831,160	53,894,021
Sermons and Addresses	24,201	1,143,256
Prayer Meetings Held	7,265	209,969
Families Visited	82,165	2,261,198
Persons Baptized	1,609	38,217
Churches Constituted	48	1,637
Sunday-schools Organized	246	14,443
Institutes Held and Addressed	1,109	18,819
*Sunday-schools and Individuals Aided by Do- nations of Scriptures, Books, Periodicals, etc.	2,402	36,281
*Pastors and Ministerial Students Aided with Grants for their Libraries	220	10,525

*Not including 1896. Records destroyed by fire.

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending March 31, 1908, shows that the total receipts in the Publishing Department were \$915,330.36. This amount includes sales at Philadelphia, \$287,220.46; Boston, \$95,297.32; Chicago, \$139,761.50; St. Louis, \$89,551.87; Atlanta, \$56,071.37; Dallas, \$58,045.88. The disbursements aggregate \$909,651.75, of which amount \$132,617.85 was expended on the new building. For merchandise and periodicals the amount expended was \$504,192.03. For salaries and wages, \$66,828.20 in the Publishing Department, and \$4,638.77 in the Missionary Department. The expenses at the branch houses amounted to \$83,802.87. For new machinery, \$11,912.15, and for the purchase of the B. Y. P. U. business assets and good will, \$20,000. The net assets in the Publishing Department are \$970,112.17.

Receipts in the Missionary Department aggregate \$235,736.27, including the following items: Contributions from Churches, Sunday-schools and individuals, \$50,074.55; contributions on Children's Day, \$25,154.65. Sales by Missionaries, \$18,959.79. Income from permanent funds, \$16,358.90. Contributions to permanent and conditional funds, \$27,220.73. The disbursements in this Department include for General Missionary work \$102,588.59. Stock purchased by missionaries, \$19,072.61. Interest on conditional funds, \$8,806.33. Invested in securities on account permanent and conditional funds, \$32,000. Expense account, \$5,424.48. Present indebtedness, \$30,083.85.

The total receipts in the Bible Department, \$16,968.31, including Bible Day offerings, \$4,714.33. Contributions from churches and indi-

viduals, \$1,065.55. Income from funds, \$4,317.56. From other sources, \$7,935.87. The disbursements for Scriptures printed, granted and sold, \$3,747.88. To the Missionary Union from Bible Day receipts, \$821.44. Transferred to Missionary Account, \$2,000. Expense account, \$1,923.18.

The par value of the securities belonging to the Missionary and Bible Department is \$72,850.00. The estimated value of Chapel Cars and Gospel Wagons is \$41,000.00. The total net assets of the Society aggregate \$1,739,162.17.

(40.) A report of the Committee on Order of Business was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Order of Business recommends:

1. Promptness in commencing the sessions at the hour of beginning, regardless of the number present;

2. The enforcement of a time limit on the speakers, even in the case of set addresses, in the interest of fair play for all speakers on the program;

3. That the name of G. A. Learn be substituted for that of W. A. Petzoldt on program for Friday afternoon;

4. That W. J. Pack and E. M. Collette be restricted to twenty minutes each, and all other speakers to eight minutes each on program for Friday afternoon;

5. That the speakers for Friday evening, except H. B. Grose, be restricted to fifteen minutes each.

6. The committee will provide as rapidly as possible for reports of Convention committees, and for the business which may be involved in those reports.

(41.) Vice-President Judson called E. H. Haskell, President of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to preside. As president of that Society he made his annual address.

(42.) L. C. Barnes, Field Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was presented to the Convention.

(43.) C. L. White, Associate Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was introduced to the Convention.

(44.) J. M. Moore, Secretary of the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education, was introduced to the Convention.

(45.) The Convention then adjourned.

Fourth Session.

(46.) The Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by E. H. Haskell. Prayer was offered by M. A. Levy.

(47.) H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary American Baptist Home Mission Society, spoke of its work among the Indians. Bruce Kinney gave an account of the work among the Indians of Oklahoma, and stated how the presence of one hundred adult Indians at the Convention was secured.

(48.) The work among the Indians was further presented by H. H. Clouse, missionary to the Kiowas; E. C. Deyo, missionary to the Comanches; G. W. Hicks, a Cherokee Indian for many years missionary among the Kiowas and Apaches; Robert Hamilton, mission-

ary to the Cheyennes; Charlie Ross, a Comanche Indian; George Hunt, who also interpreted for Apache John; Philip Cook, the first native Cheyenne preacher; Deacon Buffalo Meat, a Cheyenne; F. L. King, missionary to the Arapahoes; Jesse Bent, who interpreted for Chief Left Hand; and J. B. Rounds, missionary among the Cheyennes and Arapahoes.

(49.) The Comanches and Kiowas present sang hymns.

(50.) T. K. Tyson, forty-four years ago a soldier who fought against Chief Left Hand who led the Cheyennes, came forward, and the two former enemies embraced each other.

(51.) G. A. Learn spoke of his work in Alaska. H. H. Treat and W. A. Wilkin spoke of their respective fields.

(52.) W. J. Pack, of Cherokee Academy, and Mr. Bird, clerk of the Cherokee Association, spoke.

(53.) The Committee on Order of Business reported, recommending for Saturday morning:

1. That the time for the speakers be restricted to fifteen minutes each;

2. That the Chivers memorial service be placed for Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock;

3. That thirty minutes be given to discussion of City Mission problems, to be led by Shailer Mathews;

4. That the program for Saturday remain as printed with the foregoing modifications.

(54.) The Convention adjourned with prayer by J. W. Hicks.

Fifth Session.

(55.) The Convention was called to order at 8 P.M. by E. H. Haskell. Prayer was offered by M. P. Fikes.

(56.) A gavel made from timbers of the Chinese Chapel, burned in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake, was presented to the American Baptist Home Mission Society by C. A. Wooddy on behalf of the Chinese Baptists in that city. The gavel is inscribed with the Chinese word meaning "Blessed."

(57.) E. H. Haskell, President of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, accepted the gavel.

(58.) An address was made by Alexander Turnbull, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, on "The Mexican People in the Southwest."

(59.) An address on "The Awakening of Mexico" was made by G. H. Brewer, who introduced Teofilo Barocio, Baptist pastor in Mexico City.

(60.) An address on "What We Found in Porto Rico," was made by J. B. Thomas.

(61.) An address on "What We Found in Cuba," illustrated by stereopticon views, was made by H. B. Grose, Editorial Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

(62.) The Convention then adjourned.

Saturday, May 23, 1908

Sixth Session.

(63.) The Convention was called to order by E. H. Haskell at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer was offered by F. A. Smith.

(64.) Mornay Williams presented the report of the General Committee (Items 14, 15) on the Report of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The Report was adopted as follows:

The Committee deeply regrets that the extreme haste required rendered it impossible to give to the report that extended and thorough consideration which the importance and dignity of the work of which it treats should have demanded. They cannot even enter upon any detailed statement of the variety of the work covered by this great Missionary agency of the Baptist Churches on the North American Continent. They can only point out a few of the salient features in the report, to which they desire to give, if possible, added emphasis by way of recommendation.

They note with interest and approval the arrangements entered into between the Home Mission Society and the Missionary Union with regard to literature and periodicals, as set forth on page twenty-two of the report, and they regard this united work as another proof of the essential unity of the Missionary cause.

A further department of the work of the Home Mission Society to which they desire to call special attention is the report of the Society's work among the Indians, as set forth on page forty-six; and further, the establishment of a Theological School under the auspices of the Society at Monterey, Mexico. Your Committee would emphasize these features of the Society's work, not because they regard them as of more essential importance than the vast work carried on by the Society for the immigrant population of the United States, the special and pressing problems of city evangelization existing to-day in San Francisco, the specific work done in certain centers for the Chinese, but because these two instances seem to indicate with a special force the vitality and continually renewed vigor with which this honored Missionary Society has approached and is approaching the problems of each decade.

Not less in importance is the work of evangelism, carried on by the Society, and the extension of which in the appointment of the two Evangelists at large was one of the latest efforts put forth by the Rev. E. E. Chivers, D.D., on behalf of the Society and the churches just before his death.

These single items in the report of the Societies' work are thus emphasized by your Committee as showing even to the most hasty reader the reasons which make the request of the Society for one million dollars over and above the annual receipts of the Society, not merely, as stated in the report, an immediate need of the Society, but as your Committee believe, an even more pressing obligation of the churches. In endorsing the request of the Society for the speedy raising of this sum, in addition to the annual receipts, the attention of your Committee has again been called, not merely to the desirability of a closer connection between the churches of the Northern States and this great Missionary organization, but the necessity that this connection

should be made more close if the work of the Society is to be carried on either in a manner in any degree adequate to the importance of the Missionary cause or in any sort of relation to the sacrifices and expenditures, both of life and property, on the part of the devoted men and women who are the actual workers in the Society's field of operation.

Precisely how this closer connection is to be brought about, your Committee cannot of course undertake to say. They realize that not only has the growth of the American Baptist Home Mission Society (as also of the Missionary Union and the Publication Society) been an historical necessity, but is an existing fact, and that the legal entity which is the Society exists to-day of necessity, and has come to exist in the Providence of God as one of the instruments for the bringing in of His Kingdom. Yet the very fact of this separate existence has seemed at times and in the minds of some at least, an obstacle to the successful appeal of the Society to the churches for support. The desire of your Committee is to use every influence that it may possess to remove every obstacle in the way of carrying forward the work of the Society, and therefore they would respectfully suggest, not indeed as an adequate solution of all difficulties, but as a possible help in the securing of the financial support from the churches so urgently needed and so richly deserved by the Society, the preparation, at a date if possible considerably before the meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, of a budget, setting forth the probable needs of the Society in the coming year, and the submission of this budget, together with similar budgets from the Missionary Union and the Publication Society, to a committee of laymen to be appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention, and to be as far as possible representative of the churches in the different States and Territories covered by the Northern Baptist Convention, who, after going over the several budgets should submit them with recommendations to the Northern Baptist Convention at its next session, in order that the responsibility for the raising of the necessary amounts should be undertaken by the churches, and that it should no longer be needed for the Society to appeal to the churches for funds as a favor, but that the churches, on the other hand, should realize their responsibility for the raising of the money and by their Committee undertake that responsibility.

There is a further subject commented on in the report of the Society which seems to your Committee to be a living issue of grave importance, viz., the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Your Committee are not entirely agreed among themselves as to whether this movement which they all regard with the greatest interest should be confined to Foreign Missions, or should also include Home Missions, though the large majority of the Committee feel that Home Missions should be included, but the entire Committee unites in recommending that the scope of the movement should be thoroughly discussed and finally determined before the close of the Convention.

If time allowed there are many other considerations on the importance of the work of the Society which your Committee would be glad to set forth; but in view of the limited time at their command they must content themselves with the submission of this report.

(65.) J. C. Stalcup made an address on "The Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in the Southwest."

(66.) On motion of J. H. Franklin, it was

Resolved: That the Recording Secretary and J. C. Stalcup be a committee to send a message of sympathy to N. B. Rairden, who is ill in Belpre, Kansas.



REV. E. E. CHIVERS, D.D.

(67.) W. M. Courson presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved: That we, the delegates to the Northern Baptist Convention, hereby express our unwavering and absolute confidence in the untiring ability of all the officials of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and that we pledge them all our hearty sympathy and co-operation in their arduous faithful labors to promote the Master's cause.

(68.) H. F. Vermillion addressed the Convention on "The work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in New Mexico."

(69.) The Convention held a service in memory of E. E. Chivers, former Field Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary of that Society, presided. Tributes to Dr. Chivers' memory were paid by J. S. Dickerson, J. W. Conley, R. G. Seymour, H. F. Vermillion, O. A. Williams, T. S. Barbour, Benjamin Otto, H. M. Peek, D. D. Proper, H. H. Clouse, Mrs. Haines, E. R. Womack, H. P. Judson, and W. J. Campbell.

(70.) On motion of J. B. Thomas, a telegram of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Chivers as follows:

The Northern Baptist Convention in session at Oklahoma City sends heartfelt sympathy and cordial greetings to you.

(71.) A. M. Petty spoke on "The work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in Arizona and California."

(72.) Thos. D. Landels gave notice of a proposed amendment to the Constitution:

"We, the undersigned delegates to the Northern Baptist Convention, give notice of the following amendment to the Constitution:

"That in Article IV, Section 1, for the words, 'Who..... Committee' the following words be substituted, 'and a Council of fifty-two members, to be constituted as follows: (1) one member to be elected by each of the twenty-six constituent State Conventions; (2) sixteen to be elected at the annual meeting of the Convention; and (3) the remaining ten to be co-opted by the aforesaid elected members'."

Thos. D. Landels, Ill.
Geo. D. Moor, Ill.
Robert Wallace, Ill.
Watts A. Johnson, Ill.
Fred. W. Bateson, Wis.
H. P. Chaffee, Iowa.
W. E. Gwatkin, Kas.
A. C. Darrow, Ill.
J. E. Smith, Mich.
W. Sherman Lister, Mich.
J. F. Watson, Cal.
Jno. M. Runwalt, Ill.
J. G. Briggs, Minn.
L. Walton Terry, W. Wash.

W. E. Chalmers, Ill.
George MacDougall, Neb.
Jesse Shaw, Kas.
J. W. Barker, Okla.
Chas. A. Cook, N. J.
Jno. W. Merrill, Neb.
L. Haynes Buxton, Okla.
Wm. J. Gordon, N. Mexico.
O. J. Price, Mich.
F. C. Stannard, Ore.
A. F. Williams, Ill.
A. J. Hutchins, Mich.
S. E. Price, Kas.

(73.) On motion of M. A. Levy, the Convention took a recess to provide for a meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Seventh Session.

(74.) The Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Vice-President Judson. R. G. Seymour offered prayer.

(75.) An address on City Missions was made by Shailer Mathews.

(76.) On motion of H. W. Smith, the following was adopted:

Whereas: Changing conditions, due to the large and increasing immigration into this country, and the resulting congestion of population in our large and growing cities, have created a complex and difficult problem in these cities, which demands the most careful and prayerful consideration by the Baptist denomination; and

Whereas: In some of these cities there are organized Baptist City Mission Societies and Church Unions that are struggling with this problem; and

Whereas: There seems to be not only a lack of co-ordination between these City Mission Societies and the larger denominational societies, including State Conventions, but also inadequate financial support in this work; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention appoint a Commission of Nine on the City Problems to investigate the entire situation throughout the country, with especial reference to the matter of co-ordination, and report at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

(77.) On motion of E. P. Brand, the following was adopted:

Whereas: The Northern Baptist Convention is not receiving such notice through the Associated Press as is given to other religious bodies; therefore,

Resolved: That this Convention appoint M. P. Boynton Associated Press reporter for the remainder of this session; and that the Committee on Nominations at this session name a press reporter for next year.

(78.) The Corresponding Secretary read replies to telegrams sent to the Presbyterian General Assembly, and to the Methodist General Conference as follows:

Kansas City, Mo., May 23rd, 1908.

The Convention of the Northern Baptist Churches,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Presbyterian General Assembly in session at Kansas City, Mo., responds cordially to your fraternal greetings, and prays for your increasing prosperity in the work of our Lord.

B. P. Fullerton, Moderator.

W. H. Roberts, Stated Clerk.

Baltimore, Md., May 23, 1908.

W. C. Bitting, Corresponding Secretary,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church highly appreciates and warmly reciprocates your words of fraternal fellowship, and prays for the continuance of God's abounding grace in your labors for the salvation of the world.

J. B. Hingelley, Secretary.

(79.) F. E. Marble made an address upon the Baptist Brotherhood.

(80.) H. N. McKinney, who was expected to speak upon "The Laymen's Missionary Movement," sent the following telegram:

Atlantic City, N. J., May 23, 1908.

Northern Baptist Convention,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Am with you in spirit. May this be the birthday of Baptist Laymen's Movement which shall bring world-wide blessings.

H. N. McKinney.

(81.) F. A. Smith, Secretary, E. S. Osgood, and D. G. Garabrant, spoke upon the Laymen's Missionary Movement, with special reference to the needs of China.

(82.) H. M. Bierce offered the following, which was seconded and discussed by Mornay Williams:

Resolved: That in recognition of the increased personal interest on the part of our Baptist men in the work of our denomination, and in the advancement of the Kingdom of God as expressed in the Brotherhood Movement, this Convention recognizes the Baptist Brotherhood as a department of work under its auspices.

(83.) On motion of E. H. Haskell the following substitute was adopted, after discussion by L. L. Henson and J. H. Haslam:

Resolved: That the several state delegations represented in the Northern Baptist Convention each nominate one member, a layman if possible, of a committee to be appointed by the Convention to consider the unification of the several organizations of men, and their relation to the Societies, the churches and the Northern Baptist Convention; to which committee shall be submitted the plans and suggestions for all men's missionary movements and brotherhoods, the committee to report at this meeting of the Convention.

(84.) It having been made known to the Convention that two of its members, D. G. Dunkin and D. Reagan, were sick in an Oklahoma Hospital, the Convention took a collection amounting to \$193.75 for their relief, and joined with B. A. Greene in prayer for them.

(85.) The Committee on Men's Movements was constituted by the nomination of the following brethren by their state delegations. (See pages introductory to these minutes.)

(86.) On motion of S. Z. Batten the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention appoint a Commission of Seven to study what is being done by Baptist Churches in the field of social service, to report the results from time to time to the churches through the religious press, and to report the total results to the Convention of 1909, together with such recommendations based thereon as may be deemed advisable.

(87.) J. W. Brougher offered the following, which after discussion by H. F. Vermillion and F. P. Haggard, was referred to the

Committee of Seven on relation of the Convention to general denominational organizations:

Whereas: We now have within our denomination, in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention, at least four missionary periodicals, namely, "The Baptist Home Mission Monthly," "The Baptist Missionary Magazine," "The Helping Hand," and "Tidings," each seeking to develop the work of a particular society; and

Whereas: The effort to secure an adequate number of subscribers for these various magazines results in a discouraging confusion which defeats the real purpose of the magazines themselves; and

Whereas: There is a paramount need for an all-embracing missionary education for the entire membership of our churches; therefore,

Resolved: That we recommend to the various societies concerned, to take under advisement the possibility of the consolidation of these periodicals.

(88.) On motion of H. L. Morehouse the following was adopted:

Resolved: That a Commission of seven be appointed to make inquiry concerning the methods and the extent of aid to aged and disabled Baptist ministers, and the dependent widows and children of deceased ministers; also to make a careful estimate of the number of such persons, by classes, within the bounds of this Convention for whom provision should be made annually, and the aggregate amount required for these purposes; also to consider whether there may be a better correlation of existing agencies for this purpose and whether some more comprehensive and systematic and measurably uniform plan may be devised for securing and dispensing the requisite means for these purposes; said Committee to make report at the meeting of this body in 1909.

(89.) F. E. R. Miller, offered the following which was seconded by I. B. Mower, and referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

Whereas: The laws of the United States relative to interstate commerce have made it difficult for prohibition states to enforce their own laws regulating and controlling the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention here assembled, representing a constituency of one and one-quarter millions of persons, urge the members of Congress to frame and pass a practicable measure which will make it forever impossible for the liquor interests to invade prohibition territory under the protection of the United States Government.

(90.) The following telegram from the Governor of Oklahoma was read:

Guthrie, Okla., May 23, 1908.

W. B. Hinson,

Oklahoma City, Okla.:

Please add our expression of welcome which you have given Baptist assembly, and assure them we appreciate honor of their visit to our state.

C. N. Haskell, Governor.

The Corresponding Secretary sent the following reply:

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 23, 1908.

His Excellency,

Gov. C. N. Haskell,

Guthrie, Okla.

The Northern Baptist Convention heartily appreciates your cordial greeting and wishes all blessings on you and your administration.

(91.) On motion of C. L. Rhoades the following was adopted:

In view of the meeting of the Continental Baptist Congress to be held in Berlin, July, 1908, be it therefore

Resolved: That this Convention instruct its Corresponding Secretary to give credentials as visitors to such Baptist brethren as may be able to attend that meeting.

(92.) The Convention adjourned with prayer by J. S. Stump.

Eighth Session.

(93.) Vice-President Judson called the Convention to order at 7:30 P.M. S. Z. Batten led in prayer.

(94.) A. G. Lawson, Secretary; D. G. Garabrant, Treasurer, and C. A. Cook, Superintendent of the General Committee on Christian Stewardship, presented the reports of the year's work, which were accepted, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Our President, the Rev. William C. Bitting, having removed to St. Louis, Mr. J. H. Crossley, of Connecticut, was elected to fill the vacancy on the committee, and we were fortunate enough to persuade Mr. George C. Whitney, of Massachusetts, to become our President.

Last November, in compliance with the many requests coming to us from the Pacific Coast, the Rev. F. E. Dark, of Nebraska, was appointed our representative on the coast.

Dr. Cook, our Superintendent, has been literally out in the field through the whole year and his observation discerns everywhere a rising of the tide of conviction on the part of the people as to their relationship to God and to His Kingdom in this world.

At the April meeting of the committee and after the most thorough discussion of all the interests involved steps were taken to unify our work with that of the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education. The preambles and resolutions herewith presented were adopted unanimously by the committee and we hope they may have both your consideration and your confirmation.

Whereas: It is important that the special campaign of education in the principles of Christian Stewardship which has been successfully conducted by this committee for nearly five years should be made permanent; and

Whereas: We rejoice that the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education affords an opportunity to make permanent the Christian Stewardship campaign, and desiring to avoid overlapping in the great work; therefore

Resolved: That we request the Committee of the Baptist Forward Movement to assume the supervision of the Stewardship work, making the necessary provision for its continuance in harmony with their methods of operation; and be it further

Resolved: That Messrs. Cook, Garabrant and Lawson be appointed to meet with the Committee of the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education at their next meeting to present this request, and should the request be favored, to confer concerning the details of the merging of the Stewardship campaign with their work.

Such a meeting was held on April 25 in New York City and after a full conference the General Committee of the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education adopted the following:

Resolved: That the proposition of the General Committee on Christian Stewardship for a merger of the work of the committee with the work of the Forward Movement be accepted, subject to the ratification of the Northern Baptist Convention.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The work of the past year has been characterized by a steady growth. With the exception of a visit to five Western States the field work of the Superintendent during the year has been confined to the New England and Eastern States. In 106 cities and towns, in nineteen States, he has delivered 259 addresses. Four colleges and five seminaries have been visited and over 400 ministerial students have heard the message on Christian Stewardship, a majority of whom have also procured supplies of literature for a further study of the subject. The results of this work among the future pastors of the churches can scarcely be overestimated.

Literature.

Last year we reported the largest distribution of literature in any one year of the work. This year's record exceeds that of last year by 7,000 copies of leaflets and pamphlets, the total being 119,000 copies. The calls for literature on the question of tithing have been more numerous than in any previous year. From seventy persons we have received signed declarations of their purpose to lay aside one-tenth of their income for the Lord's work.

Pacific Coast Representative.

Two new developments deserve special mention. The first is the appointment of a special representative on the Pacific Coast. This action was taken at the request of some brethren in that section who were willing to assume the support of such a worker, the General Committee caring for the traveling expenses. Rev. F. E. Dark, of Beatrice, Neb., entered upon his duties in December. A cordial reception has been given this representative of the General Committee by the pastors and churches on the coast and encouraging reports come of the work being done. It is Mr. Dark's plan to spend from four to six days with a church and by sermons, addresses and personal interviews lead the people to a full consideration of their privileges and obligations as God's stewards and then to a definite commitment to proportionate giving. During the five months he has been at work he has visited thirty-four churches, delivered 115 sermons and addresses, and 324 adults and 422 Sunday-school scholars, a total of 746, have pledged themselves to lay aside at least one-tenth of their income for the cause of Christ.

Stewardship Study Classes.

The other new feature for the year has been the preparation of material for Stewardship Study Classes for Young People's Societies. The plan is to take the young people through the pamphlet on Stewardship, in four studies in their regular meetings. The studies are modeled after the now popular Mission Studies, with questions covering the material in the text-book. The proposition has been warmly received and several societies have already taken up the work. The studies are so arranged that they may be used in the regular church prayer meetings and some pastors have used them in this way.

The Budget Idea.

In our report a year ago we suggested that the Missionary Societies make out a definite budget of the amounts they needed for their work for the year and apportion these budgets among the States and then among the churches. The Societies at their meetings made provision for such a budget and apportionment. As a rule the plan has been kindly received and many churches have increased their offerings under the inspiration of a definite proposition.

After nearly five years of campaign work, in which, by sermons and addresses and articles in the denominational papers, in the meetings of various Conferences, Associations and Conventions, by the systematic efforts of the several State Committees and the faithful preaching of many pastors, the subject of Christian Stewardship has been widely proclaimed and kept before the people, we believe it has become so firmly rooted in the thinking and the life of the denomination that henceforth it will have a permanent place among us. If nothing further were done by a general movement the truth would not be allowed to be forgotten. Those who through this campaign of education have become the earnest heralds of this message would continue to proclaim it, others in turn would take it up, and in ever widening circles the influence of this movement, made possible chiefly through the generous contributions of a small company of our splendid Baptist laymen, would live and spread and result in greater and gladder giving for all departments of the Lord's work.

While saying this we rejoice that the recent action of the General Committee in merging this work with that of the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education, if approved by this Convention, will make this movement permanent, and so give ever increasing momentum to a work so greatly needed to help our brethren throughout the country to reach their splendid possibilities in a larger and better stewardship for the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad.

Report of D. G. Garabrant, Treasurer of the General Committee on Christian Stewardship. ..

Balance, May 1st, 1907\$2,362.45

RECEIPTS.

Contributions	\$2,347.17	
Sales of Literature	652.71	
Supply Fees to Superintendent	40.00	
Offerings to Expenses	82.08	3,121.96
		\$5,484.41

DISBURSEMENTS.

Superintendent's Salary	\$2,500.00	
Travel, Postage, etc	897.04	
Literature	412.86	
Printing	231.30	
Clerk Hire	150.00	
Travel, Rev. F. E. Dark	66.45	4,257.65
Balance, April 30th, 1908		\$1,226.76

(95.) The following, presented by A. G. Lawson, Secretary of the General Committee on Christian Stewardship, was referred to the Committee of Seven on Relation of the Convention to general denominational organizations:

The General Committee on Christian Stewardship, desiring to maintain its identity, and to continue its functions until its merger with the Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education is perfected, and its own business is closed up, unanimously submits to the Northern Baptist Convention a request that it be received and be given recognition by the Convention as its Board on Christian Stewardship.

(96.) J. P. Greene, J. W. Brougher, J. M. Moore and R. J. Burdette spoke upon "Christian Stewardship."

(97.) A resolution offered by J. S. Kirtley, commending denominational societies for the inauguration of the Forward Movement for Missionary Education, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

(98.) The Commissions on City Mission Problems and Social Service were announced by the chair. (See Items 75, 86.)

(For these Commissions see pages introductory to these minutes.)

(99.) It was voted that the program as printed for Sunday, and for Monday morning be adopted, with the addition that Shailer Mathews be the speaker Sunday afternoon on the topic, "The Baptist Young People's Union of America a Denominational Asset."

(100.) George E. Horr, chairman, presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

The Committee on Arrangements for the Next Meeting of the Convention reports:

1. That they have received an invitation from the Baptist churches for the Convention to meet in Chicago in 1911, or before that date at the convenience of the Convention;

2. That last year it was voted by the societies that for the years 1908 and 1909 their annual meetings be held in Portland, Oregon, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that the order of responding to the invitation of the churches in these cities be referred to the boards of the several societies;

3. That on account of this vote, Portland and the Pacific Coast have confidently and with enthusiasm relied upon the practical pledge that the meetings shall be held in Portland, Oregon.

4. That while the Committee would doubtless reach another decision, if the choice of a place of meeting were to come before it, they unanimously recommend that the next meeting of the Convention be held in Portland, Oregon.

(101.) J. W. Brougher expressed the appreciation of the people of Portland, Oregon, for the decision of the Convention.

(102.) W. H. Mayfield spoke briefly on Medical Work and Hospitals in China.

(103.) On motion of George W. Coleman it was

Resolved: That all motions and resolutions presented to the body be put in writing, and that duplicate copies be furnished the Recording Secretary.

(104.) On motion of C. A. Cook the following was adopted:

Because of the serious financial needs of all our Missionary Societies and because most distressing retrenchments in our missionary enterprises are threatened; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the officers of the Missionary Societies present unite in issuing a call to our entire constituency, to observe a week of prayer to definitely spread these great needs before the God of missions, and to seek the divine guidance to meet these needs and deliverance from these perils; and

Resolved: That the Committee on Order of Business for this Convention provide for an hour that shall be given entirely to prayer concerning this matter.

(105.) The Convention adjourned after prayer by A. G. Lawson.

Sunday, May 24, 1908**Ninth Session.**

(106.) At 9 A.M. the work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society among the Indian tribes was presented. A large company of Indians participated in the exercises both by song and speech.

(107.) At 11 A.M., P. S. Henson, after services of worship, preached the annual Convention sermon. Text, Habakkuk, 2:2: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that readeth it."

Tenth Session.

(108.) After devotional exercises at 2:30 P.M., led by H. F. Stilwell, Secretary Geo. T. Webb spoke of the "Plans of the Baptist Young People's Union of America." John M. Moore, Secretary of the Forward Movement for Missionary Education, spoke of the scope of the work. Shailer Mathews spoke upon "The Baptist Young People's Union of America, a Denominational Asset."

Eleventh Session.

(109.) "The Age and its Needs" was the general topic for the evening session at 7:30 o'clock. It was discussed by H. F. Stilwell, as "Related to the Work of the American Baptist Home Mission Society"; George E. Burlingame, as "Related to the Work of the American Baptist Missionary Union"; W. C. Bitting, as "Related to the Work of the American Baptist Publication Society."

[Note.—The pulpits of the various Protestant churches of Oklahoma City were supplied by members of the Convention Sunday morning and evening, in accordance with arrangements made by the Committee on Religious Services.]

Monday, May 25, 1908

Twelfth Session.

(110.) The Convention was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by S. W. Woodward, President of the American Baptist Missionary Union.

(111.) The annual address was made by President Woodward.

(112.) T. S. Barbour, Corresponding Secretary, spoke on the "Review of Conditions of Foreign Missionary Work."

(113.) Missionaries C. A. Nichols, W. A. S. Sharp, and A. C. Darrow, spoke on missions in Burma; Missionary E. G. Phillips, on missions in Assam; and Missionaries Thomas Moody and J. Clark on missions in Africa.

(114.) A report from the Committee on Order of Business was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Order of Business recommends that a business meeting be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock:

1. To receive and act on a report of the Committee of Seven;
2. To act on amendments to the By-Laws, which will be presented by the Committee of Seven;
3. To receive the reports of the Committee on Nominations, and of the Committee on Reports of Denominational Societies.
4. The Committee regrets the necessary interference with the program of the Missionary Union, and leaves the readjustment of that program in the hands of the officers of the Union.

(115.) The Convention took a recess to provide for a meeting of the American Baptist Missionary Union, at which the following, offered by L. A. Crandall, were adopted:

The Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union desire to express their great sense of loss in the acceptance by Dr. Mabie of other services for the coming year, and to record their appreciation of the result of his eighteen years of secretarial leadership, the high inspiration he has brought to the life of the churches and the many friends he has won to the cause.

Dr. Mabie replied briefly.

Also:

Whereas: The American Baptist Missionary Union recognizes with gratitude to God that the Baptist churches of the North are discovering their latent possibilities, as evidenced by the formation of the Northern Baptist Convention, now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the American Baptist Missionary Union hereby expresses its purpose to align itself with the convention as vitally as its charter, its existing legal status, and its fiduciary relations will permit; and be it further

Resolved: That its Executive Committee be instructed in accordance with the constitution of the union to carry this resolution into effect.

Thirteenth Session.

(116.) The Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by Vice-President Judson. C. H. Moss led in prayer.

(117.) The following Report of the General Committee concerning the Report of the American Baptist Missionary Union was read by J. H. Haslam:

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

Your Committee, to whom you have referred the Reports of the American Baptist Societies, having examined the Report of the American Baptist Missionary Union, has been greatly impressed with the largeness and delicacy of the problems which confront the Union in the administration of our Foreign Missionary work. While these problems are not entirely new to the members of your Committee of Reference, yet we have not heretofore been charged with the responsibility of forming concrete judgments upon these matters. The very limited time afforded us in which to study the report and the notable pamphlet which so ably reviews the conditions, policies, problems, and needs of the Missionary Union, makes it practically impossible adequately to pass in review matters which have taxed the capacity of denominational leaders for many years, and which have reached their present conditions through prolonged historical evolution.

A careful reading, however, of the Report of the Missionary Union, has confirmed our estimate of the devotion with which the affairs of the Union have been conducted, and has assured us again that the confidence of the denomination in the general policies and administration is well placed.

Noting the financial conditions of the Union at this time, we believe the safe limit of debt has now been reached, and that it is unwise to incur further obligations, even though this policy should involve serious curtailment of the work. It is true that the Executive Committee and Board of Managers should conduct this work with faith in God and in the churches. This, we believe, they have done. But a brief study of the report shows it to be most imperative that the constituency of the Union should realize that the officers and Board are our agents, and that the work is primarily ours. If there is anywhere lack of faith, or failure to achieve the desired results, the responsibility rests upon our churches. It is clearly evident that more must be done to press the claims of this great cause upon the hearts of the pastors and members of our churches, and that a yet more vivid and powerful advocacy of foreign missions is needed for the immediate advance which present world conditions demand.

If there were more time for reflection and discussion on the part of your Committee, we would gladly review and digest the entire report.

In view of the Resolution passed last year in Washington, D. C., advising the Executive Committee against any curtailment of the work; in view of the failure of financial returns adequate to pursue the policy thus recommended; in view, also, of the serious retrenchments which the report declares must now be made, we recommend:

First: That the Northern Baptist Convention advise that for the coming year no retrenchment be made in the work of the Missionary Union, except it become an absolute necessity;

Second. That a plan be devised and projected immediately by the Executive Committee and the Board of Managers of the

Missionary Union whereby the increased needs and opportunities of our foreign mission work, and the serious conditions due to inadequate funds, may be fully presented to our entire constituency.

(118.) On motion of W. C. Bitting, the consideration of the report was postponed until after hearing the report of the Committee of Seven to confer with committees from general denominational organizations.

(119.) The report of the Committee of Seven to confer with committees from general denominational organizations was read by L. A. Crandall as follows:

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

Your Committee, to which was entrusted certain matters, and, in particular, the duty of conferring with representatives of the several organizations of the denomination on the question of the future relations of those organizations to the Convention, hereby respectfully reports:

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, President Hunt, from the city, L. A. Crandall was chosen Vice-Chairman, and W. C. Bitting was appointed a member of the Committee ad interim.

Conferences were duly held, the representatives of the organizations other than the Convention being as follows:

For the American Baptist Missionary Union—F. P. Haggard, C. H. Moss, G. C. Whitney.

For the American Baptist Home Mission Society—H. L. Morehouse, D. G. Garabrant, L. C. Barnes.

For the American Baptist Publication Society—A. J. Rowland, R. G. Seymour.

For the Baptist Young People's Union of America—G. T. Webb, I. M. Price.

This report, unanimously adopted by this Committee, has also the unanimous approval of the above representatives.

Your Committee deems it of vital importance to the proper prosecution of the great tasks undertaken by the denomination that its various general agencies, at present no less than eight in number, be so co-ordinated as to act with entire unity. It is the opinion of the Committee that the Northern Baptist Convention is the suitable means of this correlation.

It is evident that inasmuch as there are charters, vested interests and corporate obligations in question, time must be given for careful consideration before any step is taken which may involve these vital legal matters. It is the opinion of the Committee, however, that certain essential arrangements, in the direction of unity and, therefore, of added efficiency, may be made at the present time. The Committee feels that whatever can be done **now** should be done **now**; and that whatever requires further time should be given the time needed.

The most important matter which calls for immediate action, in the opinion of the Committee, is that of denominational finance. This matter, the Committee believes, can be suitably regulated by action to be taken now. Such action may be regarded as provisional, but it will be none the less effective. Its perpetuity will depend on later consideration bearing on the legal situation.

The general activities of the denomination are now carried on by eight incorporated societies. These are entirely independent one of another, and while deriving their support from the denomination at

large, are legally independent of the denomination as a whole. This form of organization, dating as far back as 1814, was a natural outgrowth of circumstances—indeed there seemed to be no other way at the time to attain the ends in view. The societies have accomplished a noble service, through a long and honored history, and the men who have administered them generation after generation have the warm respect and affection of all who are interested in their great work.

In these days, however, the old methods are out of date. The general work of the denomination it is believed could be more economically and more effectively rendered under a suitable plan of definite co-ordination. Such a plan is in accordance with the practice of large business interests to-day, and would command the confidence of laymen, whose support is essential to the prosperity of the work.

In short, the present situation, which is calculated to hamper progress in many ways, is the outcome, not of any one's fault, but of conditions which originally were beyond control. These conditions no longer exist, and it is now, therefore, not only possible, but a duty, to secure an organization which will ensure the large results of properly combined effort.

The Committee accordingly presents four resolutions, and, with the concurrence of three other members of the Convention, recommends the adoption of two amendments to the By-Laws:

I. Resolutions.

Be it Resolved by the Northern Baptist Convention:

I. That at the earliest practicable date there should be an organic union between the various general denominational societies and the Northern Baptist Convention, to the end that the denomination through its Convention may be able to determine a suitable related policy for all its general activities, may establish a single co-ordinated budget for the same, and may provide adequate funds required by this budget; and to the further end that it may be possible to put the various agencies out of debt and thereafter to keep them out of debt.

II. That a Committee of five (5) members be appointed by the Executive Committee for the coming year, with instructions to confer with the various Societies with a view to effecting the union in question, and to report at the next Annual Meeting of the Convention.

III. That inasmuch as the time needed to take all the necessary steps towards union may be considerable, it is recommended that there be established a provisional working arrangement between the Convention and such Societies as may consent to the same, whereby financial unity and a central financial policy may be secured for the time being.

IV. That in case of such arrangement being effected, the Northern Baptist Convention take proper steps to aid in securing the funds required by this budget for the coming fiscal year.

II. Amendments.

Amendments of the By-Laws of the Northern Baptist Convention Proposed for Adoption.

Amendment I.—Co-Operating Societies.

1. Any of the denominationally recognized missionary, educational and philanthropic organizations, may become co-operating

societies of the Northern Baptist Convention on action of said societies and approval by the Convention.

2. A co-operating society shall agree:

(a.) To regulate its expenditures in accordance with a budget annually approved by the Northern Baptist Convention, on recommendation by the Finance Committee, as provided in By-Laws, Amendment II;

(b.) To solicit funds only on approval by the Convention; or during the interim between the annual meetings of the Convention on approval by the Finance Committee, as provided in By-Laws, Amendment II;

(c.) To incur no indebtedness without the approval of the Convention, or of said Committee, as provided by the By-Laws, Amendment II;

(d.) To open their books and accounts to inspection by the said Finance Committee, and to make such financial reports as said Committee shall request.

3. The Convention through its Executive Committee and its Finance Committee will aid in raising funds needed to carry on the operations of each co-operating society.

4. The relation of co-operation in any given case may be terminated either by the Convention or by a co-operating society, provided notice be given the other party one year in advance.

Amendment II.—The Finance Committee.

1. There shall be a Finance Committee of nine (9) members, appointed by the President of the Convention, on nomination by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall nominate to the President a list of not less than three times the number to be appointed. Of the nine members first appointed three shall serve for three years, three for two years, and three for one year. Thereafter three shall be appointed annually to serve for a term of three years. A majority of members appointed shall be laymen.

2. In case of emergency during the interim between annual meetings of the Convention, the Finance Committee may approve the incurring of indebtedness on the part of co-operating societies, in advance, by an affirmative vote of a majority of all of its members. In case of such approval being given by the Finance Committee, said Committee shall report the same with the reasons therefor at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

3. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to prepare and present to the Convention annually a co-ordinated budget, based on the budgets recommended by the various co-operating societies.

III.—Special Recommendation.

It is further recommended that the question of the consolidation of Missionary periodicals, and the question of an experiment in a joint district secretaryship, as between the Missionary Union and the Home Missionary Society, be referred to the Committee of Reference.

(120.) On motion of L. L. Henson, the report was received and the Committee of Seven was continued for the coming year.

(121). Notice of amendments to the By-Laws was given as follows:

The undersigned members of the Northern Baptist Convention affix their signatures as required by By-Law VII* of the Conven-

(*By the action recorded in items 14 and 15 this numbering is accurate.)

tion to the notice of the proposed amendments in the report of the Committee of Seven that are appended [see report in item 119] and recommend their adoption by the Convention, as By-Laws VI and VII, the numbers of the remaining By-Laws to be changed accordingly.

L. A. Crandall,
H. P. Judson,
W. C. Bitting,
W. A. Stanton,
S. Z. Batten,

D. DeWolf,
R. A. Ashworth,
F. P. Haggard,
H. L. Morehouse,
A. J. Rowland.

(122.) The report of the Committee of Seven was adopted unanimously and without discussion, and the By-Laws amended by inserting the amendments proposed in the Report of the Committee of Seven as By-Laws VI and VII, and changing the numbers of the following By-Laws accordingly. The Convention spontaneously rose and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow."

(123.) A motion to strike out the word "retrenchment" from the report of the General Committee of Reference (item 117) and to substitute the words "unless recommended by the Committee," was, on motion of W. A. Stanton, laid on the table.

(124.) After discussion by A. K. DeBlois, J. W. Brougher, F. E. Miller, A. H. C. Morse, G. E. Burlingame, Paul Hayne, J. Y. Montague, G. C. Whitney, C. H. Moss, J. H. Haslam, B. A. Greene, W. C. Bitting, L. L. Henson, S. E. Wilcox, Mornay Williams, E. A. Harrar, C. M. Carter, H. L. Morehouse, F. P. Beaver, H. C. Mabie, the previous question was moved by G. E. Briggs, and carried, and the report was adopted.

(125.) A. H. C. Morse pledged \$1,000 from the Strong Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the debt of \$158,000 of the Missionary Union, and S. W. Woodward, of the Calvary Baptist Church, of Washington, D. C., pledged \$1,000 on the same debt.

(126.) On motion of Shailer Mathews the following was adopted:

Resolved: 1. That the Joint Committee on Intra-Relationship of Denominational Organizations [the entire Committee referred to in Item 119] be requested to act as or to appoint immediately a Publicity Committee; and

2. That this Publicity Committee be authorized to expend a sum of money which, in its judgment will be sufficient to circulate issues of our denominational papers containing reports of this Convention, among the pastors of the Baptist churches comprising the constituencies of these papers.

(127.) Action in accordance with the above resolutions in item 126, was referred to the Executive Committee of the Convention by the Joint Committee.

(128.) On motion of H. B. Grose the following was adopted:

Whereas: The denominational paper is the practical means by which our churches are brought into intelligent and sympathetic relations, and by which the essential widespread knowledge of the denomination's life and aims and movements and of its

missionary and philanthropic enterprises may be secured; therefore,

Resolved: That with hearty recognition of the self-sacrificing fidelity with which the denomination has been served by its papers, a Commission of Seven be appointed by the President, to make thorough investigation of the conditions and relationships of our denominational papers, and to report to this Convention at its next annual meeting, with the view to securing an adequate circulation and support for, and thus increasing the efficiency and usefulness of, this denominational agency.

(129.) On motion of R. A. Ashworth the following was adopted:

Resolved: That in view of the importance of the work of the Commissions appointed by the Convention to study Social Service and City Mission Problems, and in view of the fact that the number appointed to each committee is insufficient to give representation to some sections of the Convention constituency, the president be authorized and requested to appoint eleven members upon these Commissions.

(130.) A resolution offered by C. M. Carter concerning uniform prayer meeting topics was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

(131.) The report of the Committee on Baptist Brotherhood was offered by W. S. Gillespie, and adopted as follows:

We recommend:

1. That the Northern Baptist Convention recognize the Baptist Brotherhood as a department of its work;

2. That the Northern Baptist Convention appoint a General Council of twenty-one to have charge of the affairs of the Brotherhood in accordance with the present constitution of the Brotherhood;

3. That the Brotherhood report to this Convention;

4. That the Northern Baptist Convention appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of one from each State and Territory, which shall be sub-divided into sub-committees, who shall be charged with the work of stimulating through the Brotherhood the work of the American Baptist Missionary Union, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Publication Society, the State Conventions and such other activities as may be desired.

5. That the General Council be instructed to call a Brotherhood Conference or Conferences of at least ten laymen from each State to meet in the early fall, and that an invitation be extended to the members of the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movements and to the deputation to China to be present at such conferences.

(132.) D. G. Garabrant presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and the officers of the Convention for the ensuing year were elected as follows. (See pages introductory to these minutes.)

(133.) M. P. Boynton was elected for Official Reporter of the Convention for the ensuing year.

(134.) J. W. Brougher read the following telegram:

Portland, Ore., May 24, 1908.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher,
Northern Baptist Convention,
Oklahoma City:

Congratulations. Portland, with the world's purest water, should be the Baptist center of the earth.

Portland Commercial Club,
Portland, Oregon, May 24, 1908.

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher, D.D.,
Northern Baptist Convention,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

Hearty congratulations. Bear our greetings to the Northern Baptist Convention.

Nehemiah 12:53: (So that day they rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the wives also and children rejoiced; so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar of.)

Isaiah 55:12: (For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and hills shall break before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.)

Numbers 34:6: (And as for the Western border, ye shall have even the great sea for a border: this shall be your west border.)

The West will welcome the Northern Baptists to their best.

The White Temple Congregation,
Portland, Oregon.

(135.) On motion of H. M. Bierce the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the General Council of Twenty-one of the Brotherhood be appointed by the President of this Convention; and,

Resolved: That the Auxiliary Committee on Brotherhood Activities, consisting of one from each State, be selected by the members of the State delegations, having regard to those of the deputation to China who may be residents of their States.

(136.) The Convention then adjourned.

Fourteenth Session.

(137.) The Convention was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by S. W. Woodward, President of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Scriptures were read by J. W. Merrill, and prayer offered by L. S. Bowerman.

(138.) The President introduced Missionaries J. Heinrich, of India; M. Axling, of Japan, and M. D. Eubank, of China, who had just been chosen by the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Union as acting Field Secretary. They addressed the Convention on work in their respective fields.

(139.) F. P. Haggard, Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, introduced the following new missionaries under appointment: John E. Geil, F. Clyde Herod, S. W. Hartsock and Mrs. Hartsock, J. Herbert Cope, Edgar T. Shields, M.D., and Albert M. Boggs.

(140.) A report from the Committee on Order of Business was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Order of Business recommends:

1. That on Tuesday morning the time from 8:30 to 9:45 be given to prayer, in keeping with the resolution of C. A. Cook.
 2. That the Committee on Resolutions report at five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.
 3. That the balance of the program be followed as printed.
- (141.) The Convention closed with prayer by O. A. Williams.

Tuesday, May 26, 1908

Fifteenth Session.

(142.) After devotional service, conducted by J. A. Francis, the Convention was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by S. W. Woodward.

(143.) The following missionaries addressed the Convention: C. L. Mayfield, Philippines; G. H. Waters, Swatow, China; C. A. Salquist and W. F. Beaman, West China; J. F. White, Shanghai; T. E. Schumaker, Japan.

(144.) Members of the deputation to the Far East spoke as follows: J. H. Haslam, Harry W. Jones, Henry C. Mabie, M. P. Fikes.

(145.) H. C. Applegarth, Financial Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, spoke of the foreign missionary work.

(146.) The Convention then adjourned.

Sixteenth Session.

(147.) The Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by W. G. Brimson, Vice-President of American Baptist Publication Society.

(148.) After devotional services conducted by S. G. Neil, the presiding officer addressed the Convention.

(149.) The report of the General Committee of Reference on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society was read by George E. Burlingame as follows:

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE
CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN
BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY**

Your Committee records its appreciation of the evident blessing of God which has been bestowed upon the Society during the past year, the eighty-fourth of its history. The Report of the Board indicates that this has been one of the most eventful years in the history of the Society. "New departures have been made, and new responsibilities assumed, which touch the life of the entire denomination."

We recognize in this great denominational organization not only an invaluable agency for the publication and propagation of our message and our principles; but also a most important factor in the preservation and protection of our most precious traditions and ideals as a great and growing denomination.

A notable achievement of the year is the practical completion of the Roger Williams Building at Philadelphia, a fitting memorial to one whose cardinal principle is dear to every true Baptist. This splendid building, with its salesrooms, offices and assembly halls, will afford a home for our denominational work in that city, equal to

the best, and adequate for the varied and increasing work of the Society for many years to come. We commend the wisdom manifested in the erection of this building, especially in view of the fact that the rental income will, as we are informed, meet the interest on the investment, assuring the Society its needed quarters rent free.

Your Committee avows its conviction that the past achievements of the Society are but indices of its yet greater development and service for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God through the denomination whose agent and servant it desires to be. We believe that the presses and distributing agencies of the Society can be made to contribute far more largely than at present to the missionary enterprise in all of its phases, and we recommend in the interest of economy and efficiency that as far as practicable the Society be made the publishing agency for all our general denominational organizations.

We note with gratification that the sales of the Society for the past year, in spite of the business depression, exceeded the previous year by 61,000, reaching a total of \$725,978.40. While of the five branches maintained by the Society, only two, those at Boston and Chicago, were a source of financial profit, we recommend the continuance of the branches at St. Louis, Dallas and Atlanta. We believe that these houses are all to be considered as centers of denominational life and growth whose value and benefit is not to be determined by dollars and cents. We urge upon the constituency of the Northern Baptist Convention a more general and loyal support of these branch houses, as well as the parent house, by the purchase of books and supplies, and by their efforts to increase the patronage of the Society. Although incorporated, this society is not owned by stockholders nor operated for profit to any individual. Every cent of earnings is applied to the interests of the denomination, and some \$30,000 is made available yearly for the missionary and extension work of the Society.

In view of the fact that Branch houses are not usually a source of financial profit to the Society, together with the manifest need of an increased number of centers of distribution, we recommend that the Society, after conference with the other missionary bodies, both general and state and city, undertake the establishment of Baptist sales agencies in cities remote from the branch houses which are centers of Baptist population, which agencies may become clearing houses for information and literature relating to our denomination at large.

We commend the purchase by the Society of the magazine "Service" from the B. Y. P. U. A., together with its business assets and good will as a publishing concern, at a cost of \$20,000. We also welcome and strongly recommend the new Sunday School missionary monthly, "World-Wide," which is favored and endorsed by all our missionary organizations, and covers all their fields. We urge that especial attention be given to securing at once a large increase in the circulation of this periodical.

In considering the missionary activities of the Society, we recommend the great value and efficiency of colportage work as an enlightening and evangelizing agency which has been manifestly owned of God. We consider it imperative that this form of witnessing and working for Christ be utilized more largely, especially in the Far West.

We suggest in this connection, that the Society confer during the year with the Special Committee appointed by this Convention on City Missions, in order to ascertain as far as possible, the actual

value and fruitage of colportage work as an effective aid in city evangelism and church development.

We approve the expressed policy of the Society to "Continue in co-operative work wherever it is feasible," and to cultivate the closest possible relations with State Conventions, believing as we do that this policy offers the surest safe-guard against overlapping, lack of necessary supervising, and unwise distribution of valuable working forces, especially in fields remote from the Society's headquarters. We recommend that co-operating bodies and all State Conventions in whose fields the Society is working give attention to this matter and conclude such agreements, involving as a rule joint support, as will insure the most complete harmony and efficiency.

In this connection we suggest that offerings for the missionary work of the Society may be largely increased by the adoption of some such plan of joint distribution of funds as has been developed with excellent results in the Pittsburg and Chicago Associations.

The rapid and satisfactory growth of the National Teacher-Training Institute, and the aid given to the Forward Movement for Missions, are features of new work upon which the Society is to be congratulated, and for which the denomination should be thankful.

The character of the books issued, and the quality and quantity of Sunday-school helps sent forth by this great publishing house, constitute a tremendous agency for advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. Had we no other books, papers and periodicals than these we should possess a very good equipment for informing ourselves and instructing the world.

(150.) After discussion by J. W. Conley, W. P. Throgmorton, W. H. Geistweit, and A. J. Rowland, the Report was adopted.

(151.) An address on Chapel Car work was made by E. R. Hermiston.

(152.) With Vice-President Judson presiding, the Executive Committee presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted after discussion by G. T. Webb, W. C. Bitting, Mornay Williams, and H. L. Morehouse.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In view of the impracticability of appointing the Finance Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention at once, and because of the desirability of immediate effort to care for the financial interests of our Convention work, therefore,

Resolved: 1. That in event of the co-operation of these Societies with the Northern Baptist Convention, we approve of a budget for the year April 1st, 1908-March 31st, 1909, as follows:

For Current Expenses:	
For American Baptist Publication Society....	\$103,000
For American Baptist Home Mission Society	442,000
For American Baptist Missionary Union.....	547,000
	<u>\$1,092,000</u>

For Payment of Indebtedness:	
For American Baptist Publication Society....	\$ 30,000
For American Baptist Home Mission Society	96,000
For American Baptist Missionary Union.....	158,000
	<u>284,000</u>
For working capital for these Societies.....	124,000
Total	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

Resolved: 2. That the organizations co-operating with the Northern Baptist Convention be requested to submit to the Finance Committee not later than February 1st, 1909, preliminary budgets of the expense of their work for the year beginning April 1st, 1909, and to base these budgets on their actual receipts for the year 1907-08; and

Resolved: 3. That F. P. Haggard, H. L. Morehouse, A. J. Rowland, W. C. Bitting, George C. Whitney, D. G. Garabrant, and Ernest L. Tustin, be appointed a Committee to apportion this \$1,500,000 among the States represented in the Northern Baptist Convention; and,

Resolved: 4. That in view of the nearness of the time of meeting of many District or Local Associations and State Conventions, the Committee named above be authorized to communicate the action described in these resolutions to all State Convention Secretaries and to the Clerks of all District or Local Associations in the territory of the Convention, with the request that these bodies co-operate with the movement to secure this sum of money in whatever ways may be practicable; and

Resolved: 5. That in these communications to State Conventions and District or local Associations, their attention be called to By-Laws VI and VII, descriptive of the relations of the Northern Baptist Convention to co-operating organizations.

(153.) The Corresponding Secretary read the following communication from the Nebraska delegation:

We, members of the Nebraska delegation to the Northern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City, in view of the field's needs and opportunities, the Societies' deficits and threatened retrenchment, and our State's means and missionary spirit, hereby individually pledge ourselves to do all in our power to induce the respective organizations that we represent to raise at least our respective apportionments of the budget prepared by the Northern Baptist Convention and apportioned to the States.

(154.) Similar communications were afterwards received from the delegations from Maine, Connecticut, and Wisconsin. Individual assurances given to the Corresponding Secretary indicate that the delegations from all States would have taken similar action but for the fact that many delegates had left the Convention for their homes.

(155.) On motion of M. P. Boynton, the following was adopted:

Whereas: The traffic in womanhood, commonly called the White Slave Traffic, is increasingly active in our large cities, proof of which is seen in the conviction and imprisonment of many persons for the crime of luring young women to the cities by promises of employment, only to sell them to houses of shame, where in many cases they are held in helpless and hopeless slavery; and,

Whereas: Our Nation is awakening to this dread evil and organizations are forming in various places, such as the National Vigilance Committee with headquarters in Baltimore, Md., and the Illinois Vigilance Association with headquarters in Chicago; therefore, be it

Resolved: 1. That we commend such organizations as purpose the destruction of this unspeakable business.

2. That we most respectfully urge upon President Roosevelt the high duty and desirability of our Government uniting

with other nations to suppress this traffic by agreeing to the treaty already signed by every civilized government but ours, which unites Christendom in the effort to abolish this traffic in its international phases;

3. That we encourage parents, pastors, teachers and editors to instruct the youth of our land in the sacred laws of life and health so that the rising generation may walk in the light of self-knowledge and the liberty wherewith the truth makes free;

4. That we suggest to the various States Conventions action similar to this, that the churches may have added emphasis upon the need of a constant warfare against this foe which threatens the ruin of the boys and girls in our beloved land;

5. That we ask our Commission on Social Service to give this question special attention in its investigations during the ensuing year and report to this Convention its findings and recommendations next year.

(156.) On motion of W. P. Lovett, the following was adopted:

Whereas: The atrocities on the Congo have aroused the indignation of men in all civilized lands, and call loudly for the correction of existing abuses; and

Whereas: The action now pending, with a view to the transfer of the territory from King Leopold to the Belgium government provides for no practical change in the iniquitous system by which the territory and products of the country have been taken from the people, and the natives themselves reduced to a condition of virtual slavery; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention, representing 1,250,000 people, hereby expresses its horror at the present state of affairs in the Congo region, and its belief that the American government should not give its approval to the proposed transfer, but should do all consistent with its powers in the matter to insure the speedy correction of this well-nigh unparalleled iniquity.

(157.) D. DeWolf read the following communication:

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 25, 1908.

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

Dear Brethren:—At a meeting of the Superintendents of State Missions, held May 24th, 1908, the following motion was unanimously passed:

The Superintendents of State Mission Organizations of the following States: F. A. Agar, Montana; Geo. L. White, Utah and Wyoming; L. W. Terry, W. Washington; W. F. Ripley, Colorado; H. R. Greaves, S. California; S. E. Wilcox, Iowa; Delevan DeWolf, New Jersey; A. B. Coats, Connecticut; A. M. Allyn, E. Washington and N. Idaho; W. C. King, South Dakota; W. H. Bowler, Idaho; J. F. Crawford, Kansas; C. J. Pope, Nebraska; J. C. Stalcup, Oklahoma; request the Joint Committee on the Inter-relations of Denominational organizations to take into account and provide for State Missionary organizations in the general plan.

C. J. Pope,
Secretary.

D. DeWolf,
Chairman.

(158.) On motion of D. DeWolf the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the President of the Convention appoint a Commission of Seven to consider the relations of State Missionary Organizations in the territory of the Northern Baptist Convention to the Convention; and that this Commission report at the next meeting of the Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 1909.

(159.) L. C. Barnes, for the Committee on Resolutions, reported the following, which were adopted:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs to present the following:

Resolved: 1. That in view of the historical significance of these great meetings, the first annual gathering of the Northern Baptist Convention, and of the many difficult and delicate problems involved in the relations between the Convention and the various denominational societies, we record our gratitude for, and our appreciation of, the uniform Christian patience and courtesy, the denominational enthusiasm and friendly co-operative spirit of the presiding officers and secretaries of the organizations which have assisted in making this great Convention memorable in the history of our beloved denomination.

Resolved: 2. That all Churches, Associations, and State Conventions be urged to send duly accredited delegates, both pastors and laymen, to all succeeding annual meetings of this Convention, in order that it may adequately express the denominational sentiment and that it may realize the splendid possibilities in the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

Resolved: 3. That we approve of every movement to promote the social efficiency of the Church, and that we urge our ministry and churches to emphasize the social significance of the Gospel, and to lend their aid to the united efforts of Christian men to arouse the civic conscience and to compel social righteousness in politics, commerce and finance.

Resolved: 4. That we heartily sympathize with, and pledge our support to, the various movements in this country for the abolition of child labor; that we denounce alike the iniquity of the greed that would take the boy from the school room for the sake of gain, and the foul lust that steals the girl from the home for the service of vice; that we favor every law and every society that gives to childhood assurance of greater and longer protection of its innocence, purity and happy freedom from premature cares.

Resolved: 5. That we desire to co-operate in every way practicable with all the people of God in the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness on earth, and accordingly instruct the Executive Committee to appoint our quota of representatives to the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America.

Resolved: 6. That we rejoice in the splendid achievements of the National Anti-Saloon League; that we approve its aims and pledge to it our support in its effort to destroy that arch-enemy of our Christian civilization, the saloon; and that we bespeak the alliance of our churches in its efforts to promote temperance and the suppression of the liquor traffic; and in our emphatic condemnation of this traffic in strong drink we include with unsparing hostility the open saloon, the hotel bar and the wine-room of the social club.

Resolved: 7. That, since the laws of the United States relative to inter-state commerce have made it difficult for prohibition states to enforce their own laws regulating and controlling the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, the Northern Baptist Convention here assembled in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, representing a constituency of one and one-quarter millions, urge Congress to frame and pass a practicable measure which will make it forever impossible for the liquor interests to invade

prohibition territory under the protection of the United States government, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the presiding officer of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Resolved: 8. That we commend to the thoughtful consideration of the membership of our churches the aims and methods of the Religious Educational Association, and recommend the hearty co-operation of our churches with this organization which seeks to avert national evils and to promote true morality and religion by all educational agencies.

Resolved: 9. That for the furtherance of the new denominational consciousness and the advancement of the ideal of this Convention, we urge all pastors to assist in strengthening the various denominational religious weeklies by the contribution of news and articles of interest, and by enlisting the support of their respective churches for Baptist periodicals.

Resolved: 10. That the Northern Baptist Convention hereby voices its keen appreciation and its approval of the action of our Missionary Societies in forming what is called "The Baptist Forward Movement for Missionary Education" now representing all the General and Women's Missionary Societies, the Baptist Young People's Union of America co-operating; and whose declared aim is: "The promotion of Missionary Education in Baptist Sunday Schools, young people's organizations and institutions of learning, to the end that the missionary enterprise may receive more generous offerings of life and money."

Resolved: 11. That we approve of all efforts to promote international peace through the spread of the spirit of obedience to the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; that we hail with joy the dawning grace of peace beginning to illumine the consciences of men; that a Christian nation is glorified, not by the men it slays, but by the lives it keeps and the souls it saves; that it is better, wiser, nobler and braver to maintain peace by the fairest arbitration, rather than with the heaviest guns; and that we would rather fill all the arsenals with broken swords than one home with broken hearts. Millions for missions and Bibles for battleships.

Resolved: 12. That this Convention hereby expresses its high appreciation of the able, efficient and splendid service rendered by W. C. Bitting, Corresponding Secretary of this body, during the formative period of the first year of its history.

Resolved: 13. That we express our appreciation of the generous hospitality of the members of the White Temple Church and of the citizens of Oklahoma City, and our admiration for the charms of their beautiful city, and for the enterprising public spirit of her citizens; and that we heartily commend the complete and detailed arrangements in the White Temple which have so greatly facilitated the business of the Convention and ministered to our comforts; and that we express our thanks to the daily press for its painstaking and ample reports of the proceedings of the Convention.

(160.) The Corresponding Secretary responded to the resolution concerning himself.

(161.) It was ordered that a copy of the resolutions on temperance be sent to the Governor of Oklahoma.

(162.) G. W. Coleman gave notice of amendment to By-Law I as follows:

We give notice of a motion to amend By-Law I by inserting after the words "in May" the phrase, "unless otherwise arranged for by the Executive Committee."

George W. Coleman,	Boston W. Smith,
W. C. Bitting,	H. T. Musselman,
Fred. Brasted,	J. W. Conley,
Howard Wayne Smith,	C. L. White,
Robt. G. Seymour,	L. A. Crandall.

(163.) By-Law IX was amended in accordance with the notice given as above recorded.

(164.) On motion of C. M. Carter, of Indiana, the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention recommends to the churches of its constituency the adoption of a uniform series of midweek prayer meeting topics, and that the American Baptist Publication Society be requested to prepare such a series of topics for 1909 and succeeding years and issue such series under the authority of the Northern Baptist Convention.

(165.) The Convention took a recess to provide for executive sessions of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society.

(166.) The Convention was called to order by Vice-President Judson after the recess.

(167.) The following communication from the American Baptist Missionary Union was read:

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 26, 1908.

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

You are hereby notified that the American Baptist Missionary Union at a meeting held at Oklahoma City, Okla., Tuesday, May 26th, 1908, adopted the following:

Resolved: That the American Baptist Missionary Union hereby declares its purpose to co-operate with the Northern Baptist Convention according to By-Laws VI and VII of the Convention.

S. R. Warburton, Recording Secretary, pro tem.

(168.) The following communication from the American Baptist Home Mission Society was read:

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 26, 1908.

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

You are hereby notified that the American Baptist Home Mission Society at a meeting held at Oklahoma City, Okla., Tuesday, May 26th, 1908, adopted the following:

Resolved: That the American Baptist Home Mission Society hereby declares its purpose to co-operate with the Northern Baptist Convention according to By-Laws VI and VII of the Convention.

H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary.

(169.) The following communication from the American Baptist Publication Society was read:

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 26, 1908.

To the Northern Baptist Convention:

You are hereby notified that the American Baptist Publication Society at a meeting held at Oklahoma City, Okla., Tuesday, May 26th, 1908, adopted the following:

Resolved: That the American Baptist Publication Society hereby declares its purpose to co-operate with the Northern Baptist Convention according to By-Laws VI and VII of the Convention.

Howard Wayne Smith, Recording Secretary, pro tem.

(170.) On motion of W. W. Pratt, the following was adopted:

Whereas: The Convention has received from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the American Baptist Publication Society notifications of the declarations of these Societies to co-operate with the Convention according to its By-Laws VI and VII, therefore,

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention hereby accepts the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the American Baptist Publication Society as co-operating organizations of the Convention according to By-Laws VI and VII.

(171.) The Convention adjourned with prayer by R. G. Seymour.

Seventeenth Session.

(172.) The Convention was called to order at 7:30 P.M., by W. G. Brimson, Vice-President of the American Baptist Publication Society. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. W. Pratt and E. W. Lounsbury.

(173.) H. T. Musselman, Superintendent, spoke of the work of the National Teacher-Training Institute of the American Baptist Publication Society.

(174.) A collection for the Northern Baptist Convention was taken, resulting in cash, \$60.11, and pledges of \$939.89; total \$1,000.

(175.) B. L. Baker, Kentucky; Daniel S. Dye, Wisconsin, two newly appointed missionaries, were introduced to the Convention.

(176.) P. S. Henson made an address on, "The Publication Society; Its Place and Claims."

(177.) The Convention adjourned after prayer by S. T. Ford.

Wednesday, May 27th, 1908**Eighteenth Session.**

(178.) The Convention was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by W. G. Brimson, Vice-President of the American Baptist Publication Society. Prayer was offered by W. H. Geistweit.

(179.) The report of the Committee on Bible and Missionary work was adopted after its presentation and discussion by J. P. Greene:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE AND MISSIONARY
WORK**

Hitherto there have been two separate committees to make this report, one reporting on the Missionary and the other on the Bible work of the Society.

We hope that the co-ordination of these, and the unification of the reports may assist the churches to a better understanding and a greater appreciation of the Bible work which was committed to the Society in 1883 by the denomination.

Christianity owes to the world the pure word of God translated out of the original, into the best and most literal expressions of modern language.

It has been clearly proven that if this debt is ever paid, Baptists must assume the obligation. Yeal they have already assumed it and much has been done to make payment, but there is a great need for a more general realization of the obligation.

It is the entrance of the word of God that giveth light, and benighted millions are crying for this light. When we consider the fact that the Bible work committed to the Society is world-wide, we are surprised that larger sums are not given for its distribution. The Society distributes Bibles through its own missionaries, the missionaries of the Home Mission Society and by gifts to the Boards of Foreign Missions both North and South. The Committee wishes to emphasize the announcement that the Bible Union Version has been completed and will soon be issued by the Society. We are glad that the Society is able to furnish the Spanish and Italian speaking people with the Gospels in their own tongue and hope that many other translations will soon come from its presses.

The fact that there has been a continued decrease in the offerings from the churches for Bible work, is sufficient warrant for the committee in urging pastors everywhere to lay upon the hearts of their people the duty of giving the Word of God to the world. Our churches and Sunday-schools should carefully observe Bible Day and increase their offerings for this glorious work.

The Missionary work of the Society is classified according to its conception as follows: Colportage, Sunday-school, and Chapel Car work. The colportage work dates from 1840 and has doubtless brought the claims of the Kingdom to more persons individually than any other department.

Last year fifty-nine colporters visited upwards of fifty thousand homes for the purpose of leaving a message from the Master. More than seventeen thousand copies of the Bible, fifteen thousand other

good books, and four hundred and twenty-seven thousand pages of religious tracts were distributed gratuitously by these godly men. No committee of men can estimate the good done by fifty-seven wagons loaded with good books, and fifty-nine pious men with no other purpose than to drive from house to house telling the story of Jesus, preaching in churches, school houses, and private homes. The colporter is in no respect a book agent, but in every sense a missionary.

Never before was there so much attention given to Sunday-school work, and we are glad to note that the Publication Society is not one whit behind the chiefest of all denominational agencies in this glorious work.

In the selection of men to do Sunday-school work careful attention should be paid both to the ability and adaptability of the men to the fields they are to occupy. Judging from the splendid reports from the fields and an acquaintance with some of the fifty-five men employed by the Society in this capacity, we are sure that great care has been exercised in their selection. In this class of workers we find some of the foremost Sunday-school experts of the country.

For years the crying need of the Sunday-school has been trained teachers. The Society was fortunate in securing the services of Rev. H. T. Musselman and placing him at the head of its National Teacher-Training work. Special study under most favorable surroundings, as well as actual experience as State Sunday-school Missionary admirably fitted him for this position. We rejoice at the many splendid things already achieved by this new institution and feel assured of larger results.

That unique but powerful agency, Chapel Cars, has rounded out seventeen years of glorious work. It seems not yet to have reached the crest of its wave of popularity and power, and there is not the slightest decline in its value as an instrument of evangelization. What a glorious history! One hundred and fifty-three churches singing praises to God and offering prayers of thanksgiving for the agency that brought the organization into existence; one hundred and twenty-six meeting houses with their spires pointing heavenward owe their existence to the coming of the Chapel Car. Six thousand believers, happy because they have obeyed the Lord in baptism, had their duty pointed out to them by Chapel Car missionaries. Fourteen thousand souls praising God for the gift of his love, learned in a Chapel Car that Jesus Christ was their personal Savior.

Boston W. Smith, or Uncle Boston, while retaining his interest and work for the Chapel Cars with which he has been identified since their inception, has this year been specially assigned to do evangelistic work among the children and young people of the country. This is an advanced step in the Society's service. In this field the Report truly states, he has no superior and we commend him to the churches of our denomination everywhere that desire the labors of a man whom God has specially fitted to lead boys and girls to Jesus. His recent tour through California has demonstrated that he has lost none of the fire and zeal which characterized his labors before he was made General Manager of the Chapel Cars.

All things considered, we feel there is profound reason for rejoicing and thanksgiving over the splendid achievements of the Society through its Bible and Missionary Department the past year. True there has been a slight increase in the indebtedness upon this department, but when all things are considered the increase is so small that the committee feels like saying to the Bible and Missionary Secretary, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

(180.) J. W. Merrill spoke on the importance of state delegates pledging their States to support the co-ordinated budget.

(181.) S. E. Wilcox urged the importance of State Conventions co-operating in raising the co-ordinated budget for the work of the Societies.

(182.) Addresses on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society in the Southwest were made by W. H. Johnson, J. L. Rupard, Wilson Mills.

(183.) The Committee of Seven to confer with committees from denominational organizations presented a report which was adopted as follows:

The Committee of Seven recommend:

1. That the Northern Baptist Convention approve the merger of the Commission on Systematic Benevolence and Christian Stewardship with the Baptist Forward Movement.

2. That the work of the Baptist Young People's Union of America be endorsed by the Convention and commended to the churches within its constituency.

(184.) On motion of W. E. Chalmers, the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the Northern Baptist Convention authorize its Executive Committee to appoint delegates to the Seventeenth Universal Peace Congress to be held in London, England, July 27 to August 1st, 1908, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to furnish credentials to the delegates appointed; and

Resolved: That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send to the American Peace Society a copy of the resolution passed by the Convention endorsing the peace movements.

(185.) D. T. Firor presented the following notice of a proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Notice is hereby given of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Convention: Article IV, Officers, Section 1, by adding the sentence, "Ex-Presidents of the Convention shall be *ex-officio* members of its Executive Committee."

D. T. Firor,	W. C. Bitting,
S. Z. Batten,	G. W. Coleman,
H. P. Judson.	

(186.) The Convention then adjourned.

Nineteenth Session.

(187.) The Convention was called to order at 2:30 P.M. by the Corresponding Secretary.

(188.) On motion of B. A. Greene, E. M. Thresher was called to preside in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents. H. T. Crane led in prayer.

(189.) After the Corresponding Secretary, on behalf of the Executive Committee, had reported that by an error an item of

\$45,000 in the budget of the Missionary Union had been overlooked, it was:

Resolved: That in the co-ordinated budget presented by the Executive Committee to the Convention (see item 152) the amount of the budget for the Missionary Union be increased from \$502,000 to \$547,000 and that the amount consigned for working capital be decreased from \$169,000 to \$124,000.

(190.) C. R. Henderson made an address upon, "A Reasonable Social Policy for a Christian People."

(191.) S. Z. Batten made an address upon, "Present Progress in Temperance Reform."

(192.) The topics presented in the preceding addresses were discussed by Miss Joanna P. Moore, A. L. Wadsworth, B. S. Hudson and W. M. Jennings.

(193.) The final report of the Committee on Credentials was offered by J. H. Franklin, and accepted as follows:

The Committee on credentials reports an enrollment of delegates aggregating 956, and representing 33 States and Territories, the District of Columbia and Mexico. The enrollment by States and Territories as follows:

Alaska	1	Michigan	26
Arizona	2	Nevada	1
California	20	New York	51
Colorado	18	Nebraska	42
Connecticut	4	North Dakota	2
District of Columbia	1	New Mexico	14
Illinois	108	New Jersey	10
Indiana	16	Oklahoma	227
Iowa	60	Ohio	22
Idaho	1	Oregon	10
Kansas	156	Pennsylvania	26
Kentucky	1	Rhode Island	6
Maine	2	South Dakota	10
Massachusetts	26	Utah	2
Minnesota	16	West Virginia	2
Missouri	52	Wisconsin	11
Mexico	2	Washington	4
Montana	4		

Visitors not included, about 500.

From east of the Mississippi	312
From the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains	601
From the Pacific Coast	43

956

Not including figures for Oklahoma:

East of Mississippi, nearly	43 per cent
From the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains	51 "
Pacific Coast, about	6 "

(194.) On motion of Kenneth MacArthur the following was adopted:

Resolved: That the minutes of the sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention be referred to the Executive Committee for

such correction as may be necessary, for editing and publication.

(195.) The Convention adjourned after prayer by Frank Rector.

Twentieth Session.

(196.) The Convention was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by E. M. Thresher. Devotional exercises were conducted by Charles H. Sears.

(197.) F. E. Taylor made an address upon, "The Development of Unused Energies in the Local Church."

(198.) A letter was read from Robert J. Burdette, explaining his absence from the session.

(199.) J. H. Franklin expressed his disappointment at his inability to address the Convention according to the program, on account of the protest of his physician.

(200.) The topic presented by F. E. Taylor was discussed by J. A. Francis and James Clark.

(201.) The Corresponding Secretary made a closing address on the work accomplished by the Convention, and the need for sacrificial devotion to the interests of the kingdom of God.

(202.) After prayer by C. S. Savage, on motion of S. C. Fulmer the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

George W. Coleman,
Recording Secretary.

Howard W. Smith,
Charles H. Moss,
W. D. Chamberlin,
Assistant Recording Secretaries.

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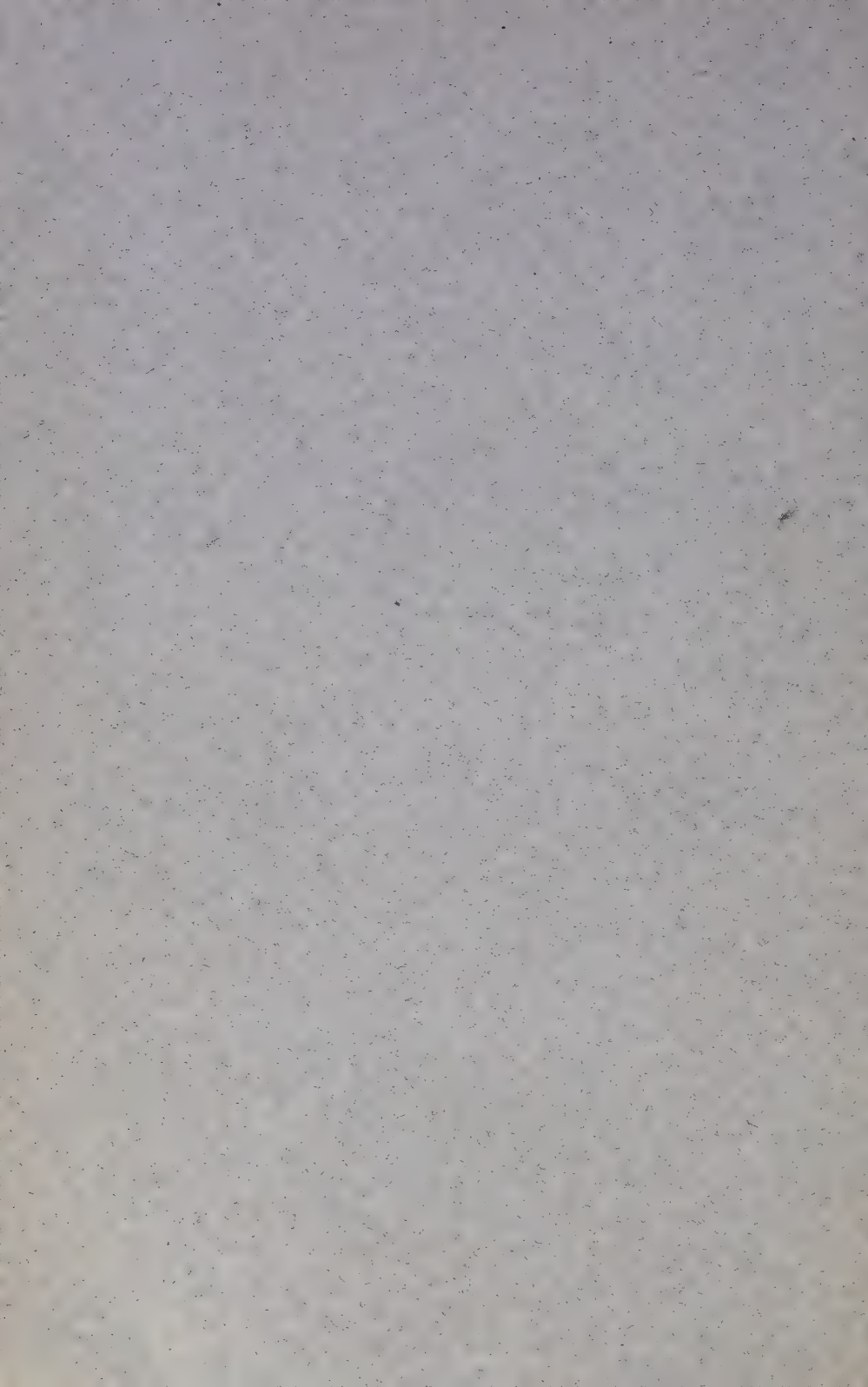
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